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Prices and Prospects.

COKE PRODUCERS SEEM TO HAVE $2 COKE WELL PUT

In Spite of Floating Bits of $1.75 Prompt Coke.

FOUNDRY COKE DULL BUT FIRM

While Pig Iron Market Shows no Signs of Revival There are Evidences That it Has Reached the Bottom. Pittsburg Coal Steady at $1.30.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17.—The passing of the middle of the month has not brought much contracting for furnace coke for the new year, a condition which is probably due chiefly to the fact that the operators are holding out for a fairly good price on coke. Two years ago conditions in the iron and steel industry were not greatly different from those at present, prices having reached a very low level, but at that time prompt coke had dropped to $1.40 and first half contracts could be made at $1.55. By the middle of December a large amount of business had been placed under contract. Today one-third of the merchant production is priced rigidly at $2.00, and most other merchant operators are figuring on getting this price or within a shade of it. A few operators only are quoting $1.90, with the prospect of $1.85 being done on close negotiations. In the past week the merchant operators appear to have accumulated more respect for the $2.00 contention and more disposition to hold out for approximately that figure.

It is understood that the production of a merchant furnace interest, about 10,000 tons a month, which has been offered in parcels for several weeks past, is now entirely absorbed, the price for at least part of the tonnage having been $1.75. There is now no quotation mentioned near that figure. Apart from this development, no coke appears to have been sold on contract since last report. Negotiations which were on a couple weeks ago are continued in desultory fashion, while two or three fresh inquiries came out this week. An eastern interest which contemplates closing Saturday last has not done so.

It is probable that the contract market would take on a livelier aspect if there were not prompt coke readily available at $1.75. This occurs through there being hardly any absorbtive power in the market for prompt lots. Consumers are well covered by contracts and shipments on these contracts are entirely satisfactory, indicated partly by the fact that requests for suspension for short periods are not altogether uncommon. There is no overproduction of any moment, but the slightest excess tonnage leads to offerings of prompt which are not readily taken and thus the prompt market is well below the contract market even though a very moderate amount of buying would eliminate the prompt coke offered.

Foundry coke is dull but rather firm, only a few brands being available down to $2.50, while some makes are held at $2.75 and even higher. The market stands quotable as follows:

Prompt furnace	$1.75
Contract furnace	$1.85@$2.00
Prompt foundry	$2.50@$2.75
Contract foundry	$2.50@$2.75

While the pig iron market has shown no signs of revival, there are evidences that prices cannot go much if any lower and that production has now been restricted to the rate of consumption. A little Bessemer is being piled, while on the other hand offerings of foundry iron are very limited. The American Steel Foundries is rumored to have bought 10,000 tons of basic for Sharon and Alliance, but details as to prices made cannot be had. It is known, however, that other consumers have taken 3,000 to 4,000 tons within the week at $12.75, Valley, and apparently this price could be shaded very little if at all. Quotations stand: Bessemer, $15; Basic, $12.75; No. 2 Foundry and Malleable, $13.50; Forge, $13.15, at Valley furnaces, 90 cents higher delivered Pittsburg.

The local coal market has been a little steadier the past week, due to colder weather bringing out a better demand for domestic trade. The market is on the basis of $1.30 for mine-run, at mine, Pittsburg district, with only occasional shading.

SOUTH IS BOOMING

Industrial Depression Confined to the East Says N. Y. Newspaper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Business is booming in the south, along the Gulf, in the west and southwest, but in the remaining sections of the country it is only fair and in some sections below par, according to the New York Herald's report of industrial conditions. Operations are at a standstill in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Men who analyze the situation ascribe the cessation of activities in these states to the enforced retrenchments of the railroads, pending the investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission into their plea for the granting of increased freight rates. Once this is adjusted, they predict a big boom.

STEEL OPERATIONS FALL BELOW 50% CAPACITY

During December Because of Holiday Shut-Downs, but Prices Seem to Have Found Level.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report will review the steel trade tomorrow as follows:

There is something tangible and definite in the resistance to further price declines in steel products which was referred to in our review of two weeks ago. Prices have lost very little ground in the fortnight, whereas previously the declines had been frequent and marked. There is a distinct suggestion in the present alignment that the declines are practically over. According to precedents a dull and dragging market might now ensue, but the disinclination of the mills to sell for forward delivery at present prices suggests that an actual buying movement may occur sooner than has been expected. Stocks are admittedly very low, and if mills refuse to give options on forward deliveries buyers may be inclined to take hold more freely for early deliveries, thus necessitating heavier production and shipments in January than in the current month. Operations are now at about 50% of capacity, and promise to average still less for the month since there will be a number of closings over the holidays.

The trade has taken serious interest in the showing made a week ago by the Steel Corporation, its November loss in unfilled tonnage being only 117,420 tons, against 490,018 tons lost in October. Predictions are common that December will show a sizeable increase in unfilled tonnage.

Freight car orders this month total fully 3,000 cars, against only about 2,000 ordered during the entire month of November, and there is some fairly important inquiry, the most likely prospect being that of 5,000 cars for the New York Central, while buying by the Harriman lines is believed also to be in prospect.

The long and severe decline in scrap is claimed to have brought the market to a reactionary level through disinclination to gather it. Pig iron, while not absolutely stationary, is now showing very little declining tendency, and coke has lost less ground in the past fortnight than was expected.

ANOTHER BID FOR PLANT

West Virginia Wants Armor Made in the Ohio Valley District.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Neely, West Virginia, has introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the Secretary of the Navy of a commission of three naval officers to investigate the feasibility of establishing a naval armor plant in the Ohio valley in or near Moundsville, W. Va.

The bill sets forth the advantages of the location due to the coal, oil and gas supply, iron beds, and rail and water transportation facilities. The board of inquiry would be authorized only to make an investigation and report the cost of establishing the plant. It would be headed by an officer of the rank of rear admiral on the active list.

Congressman Woods N. Carr, it is stated, will seek to have the proposed government armor plate located in Fayette county and will soon introduce a bill to that effect. There will be sharp competition to land the big plant. Even in event of Mr. Carr being successful in his fight, he will face a dispute at home. He is said to favor Masontown.

Masontown and Point Marion are said to be after the plant, if it comes to this section, but no proposition of that sort will get past without Connellsville getting after it.

SETH LOW GIVES WARNING

Thinks Employes Would Suffer Under Public Ownership.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The project of government railroad ownership in the United States was condemned by President Seth Lowe of the National Civic Federation in his address yesterday opening the fourteenth annual meeting of that organization.

"The considerations satisfy me," he said, "that the railroad employes are not only better off now under the private administration of railroads, than they would be likely to be under public administration; but also that, under existing conditions, they can hope for a betterment in pay and rules of service which it would be vastly harder to realize from a Federal government constituted like ours."

LAYING OFF MEN.

Railroads are Retrenching Because of Slack Business.

Reports from the eastern railroad headquarters are to the effect that large numbers of men are being laid off because traffic has fallen off to such an extent that retrenchment is necessary.

It is said that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has laid off from 1,500 to 2,000 men during the past six weeks. Although the shopmen are most seriously affected train crews have also been effected.

The Western Maryland and the Pennsylvania have adopted a similar course. The Pittsburg & Lake Erie is laying off men where they are not absolutely required.

Will Open Mines.

The Black Mountain Corporation of Bristol, Tenn., is reported to be figuring on opening mines on its property in Virginia coal fields.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING DEC. 13, 1913.				WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 1913			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	22,319	14,486	7,833	156,060	22,319	14,518	7,801	172,757
Lower Connellsville	16,748	12,209	4,539	151,730	16,748	12,273	4,475	149,170
Totals	39,067	26,695	12,372	307,790	39,067	26,791	12,276	321,927
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	18,069	12,043	6,026	122,840	18,069	12,043	6,026	142,185
Lower Connellsville	5,552	4,086	1,466	51,700	5,552	4,086	1,466	47,360
Totals	23,621	16,129	7,492	174,540	23,621	16,129	7,492	189,545
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	4,250	2,443	1,807	32,220	4,250	2,475	1,775	30,572
Lower Connellsville	11,196	8,123	3,073	100,030	11,196	8,187	3,009	101,810
Totals	15,446	10,566	4,880	133,250	15,446	10,662	4,784	132,382

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING DEC. 13, 1913.	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 1913
To Pittsburg	2,848 Cars.	3,126 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	1,537 Cars.	4,624 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,062 Cars.	1,154 Cars.
Totals	5,447 Cars.	8,904 Cars.

COKE BREEZE BEING USED ON B. & O. AS A COAL SUBSTITUTE

Tests are Under Way to Determine Availibility for Stokers.

THE FIRST TRIAL IS A SUCCESS

Unofficial Reports Say that Waste Product of Coke Ovens Proves Excellent Steaming Fuel When it is Used With Automatic Stokers.

Tests of great importance to the coke industry are now being made by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which, if sucessful, will result in the utilization of waste material and mean the saving of thousands of dollars each year which is now wasted. The Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Saturday began the first of a series of experiments with coke breeze which is being used in the automatic stokers. The first test, it is said, was a decided success, although it will take some weeks to determine whether coke breeze can be used to supplant coal for fuel purposes.

The utilization of coke breeze has long been one of the most important problems facing the coke manufacturers, but as yet no practical commercial use has been made of it. Coke breeze is the ashes and fine coke which cannot be used for smelting purposes. Thousands of tons of it go to waste in the region annually. A certain proportion of each charge of coal is converted into coke breeze. It is that part of the coke which is too small to be forked into the car, and none of it is shipped out as coke. Some of the particules will measure an inch or more in thickness.

During the tests of automatic stokers on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio it was suggested that coke breeze might prove more satisfactory than coal. A test was ordered and it is now being conducted under the direction of Road Foreman of Engines T. E. Miller. The first locomotive using coke breeze for fuel was sent over the Sheepskin on Saturday with Engineer J. M. Simmel at the throttle. No official report of the run has yet been made but it was learned that the breeze proved splendid fuel, working nicely in the automatic stoking device and kept a good head of steam at all times. One of the trainmen is said to have declared that the coke breeze had better steaming qualities than the coal that is being used.

Engineer Stimmel first suggested the use of coke breeze for fuel and prevailed upon the officials to experiment with it. On Saturday the test was made between Connellsville and Smithfield. Usually a locomotive consumed 11½ tons of coal in that distance. The locomotive used for Saturday's test was given 2 tons of coal, while a car of coke breeze was attached to the rear of the tender.

Several Baltimore & Ohio officials from Baltimore made the trip as far as Uniontown. Finding that the coke breeze was steaming satisfactorily, they left the train and came back to Connellsville, where they went west to take part in President Willard's inspection tour.

The automatic stokers require crushed coal, it is stated, and cannot handle big lumps. The coke breeze it is stated, is neither too coarse nor too fine for use in them. Today a locomotive on the main line is being run with coke breeze as fuel. Further tests wil be made and a thorough investigation will be made to determine whether the new fuel can be used to supplant coal.

The coke breeze can be secured cheaper than coal. It is a by-product of the coking industry that is now without a commercial value, and at every coke plant in the region tons of it goes to waste every day. This could be loaded and delivered to the railroads at small cost and provide a neat source of revenue for the coke operators.

Various uses have been suggested for coke breeze, but as yet none of them has proven satisfactory, from a commercial standpoint, and the operators have not been justified in conserving the waste. The outcome of the Baltimore & Ohio's test is watched with interest, because if it proves succesful in supplanting coal where automatic stokers are used, steady business for the coke plants is assured in handling a waste product.

BIG WEST VIRGINIA COAL TRACT TO BE DEVELOPED

North American Company to Operate on Holdings Along the Buckhannon & Northern.

The North American Coal Company of West Virginia has closed an agreement with James A. Comley of Morgantown for the development of a tract of one hundred acres of coal on the Monongahela river, and along the Buckhannon & Northern railroad. The contract provides for the operation of all three veins of coal, the Pittsburg vein being most important. The operating company has option for the purchase of the property.

The coal is located just north of the mouth of Scott's run, in Cass district, along the Monongahela river, and between the great Scott Coal Company and the Brock and Courtney tracts. It is one of the most valuable pieces of coal along the river, and its operation will mean employment of a large number of men. The owners of the coal, it is said, have secured a good price for their holdings.

The men interested in the project are also interested in the North American Coal Company, an eastern corporation, and one of the largest perducers of hard coal in the country. The new corporation has not been formed as yet, but steps have been taken to secure a charter.

Application for a siding will be made to the Buckhannon & Northern railroad without delay, and it is said that the railroad will be ready to take care of the product at once. The coal company proposes to get the coal on the market as soon as possible and it is said that there will be little cause for delay.

TO LINK UP TROLLEYS

Reported Plan to Form Route from Pittsburg to West Virginia.

A charter has been reported filed at Morgantown for the Morgantown & Fairmont Railway Company, to build a trolley line from Morgantown to Fairmont, 31 miles, and this, it is said, is part of a plan to connect towns and cities in the northern part of West Virginia by electric railways with Pittsburg.

A survey and location have been made for the newly chartered company, which, it is understood, will make a link in a practically continuous route from Weston W. Va., to Pittsburg. The capital stock is $25,000, and the incorporators are William H. Brank, Simon L. Wildman, William E. Glasscock, S. Fuller Glasscock, John G. Sansel, John L. Hatfield, Edward G. Donley, R. E. Arnett and Harry E. Brookover.

SUES CARTER COMPANY.

Pittsburg Man Wants a Receiver Named for Contracting Firm.

William H. Townsend has filed a bill in equity in Pittsburg, averring that the Carter Construction Company by which he was employed on work done in 1910 on the Georges Creek & Cumberland railroad and the Connellsville & State Line railroad, did not pay him the full amount due him according to the agreement.

He asks that the court determine what is yet due him and appoint a receiver for the Carter Construction Company until such full accounting and payment have been made.

Gumbes Goes Up.

J. H. Gumbes, for several years assistant superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters at Youngwood, has ben made superintendent of the Renova division.

They All Want It.

Morgantown is among the competitors for the government armor plant.

EASTERN FURNACES OPPOSE ADVANCE IN THE RATES ON COKE

Will Intervene in Effort to Prevent 5% Freight Advance.

LATROBE DISTRICT DIFFERENTIAL

Interveners Particularly Interested in the Rate from Connellsville Region, Though Protest Also Embraces Greensburg-Latrobe Field.

The announcement comes from Washington that the eastern furnacemen will intervene in the case of the eastern railroads asking for an advance of 5% in freight rates for the purpose of protesting against any advance in eastern coke rates from the Connellsville and Latrobe districts. This means of course the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts on the one hand and the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts on the other.

The northern districts, commonly known as the Greensburg and Latrobe coke districts, now enjoy a 20-cent differential on all eastern coke business as against the Connellsville region proper, composed of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts. The rate, for example, from the Connellsville region to Philadelphia is $2.05 per ton, while the rate from the Latrobe district is $1.85. The same difference holds to other points. The Gallitzin or Mountain coke district has a differential of 20 cents under the Latrobe district and 40 cents under the Connellsville region. Notwithstanding the lower freight rate, the Connellsville region furnishes from 60 to 75% of the eastern coke demands.

The interveners, however, seem to be specially interested in the rate on Connellsville region coke, which they appear to think has always been too high. Their protest will include the Buffalo district, where the furnacemen are especially aggrieved at the railroads because of the several advances in the Buffalo rate. On this point the Washington correspondent of the Daily Iron Trade says:

"The railroads have been gradually increasing the Connellsville-Buffalo rate so that it has gone up from $1.50 to the present rate of $1.85 during the past decade. It will be recalled that in the case of the Wickwire Steel Company, the Commission in an opinion last May held that the Buffalo rate of $1.85 was not unreasonable, and at the same time in the case of the Inland Steel Company and the Wisconsin Steel Company, upheld the Connellsville-Chicago rate of $2.50, which was attacked in the Connellsville Coke Producers' Association case, decided at the same time, coke rates from the Connellsville district to Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey points were ordered reduced.

"It is thought that notice of protest against higher coke rates is a forerunner to complaints against other coke rates the carriers propose to increase, as well as against proposed increases on ore and coal rates. The Wickwire Steel Company and other eastern coke consumers now have a formal complaint before the commission against the Connellsville-Buffalo coke rate of $1.85, having been granted a rehearing. This case will be heard by the Commission, January 9."

900 Men are Laid Off.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 12.—Orders were received at the Collinwood shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad here to lay off 900 men indefinitely, effective December 22. At previous times when retrenchment has been made the men have usually been put on a shorter schedule of hours.

To Exploit Chinese Ore.

A $2,000,000 company is being formed to exploit Chinese coal and ore.

Production and Output.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG DISTRICTS

Suffer a Set-Back in Their Western Business Which Reduces Their Output Considerably.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg districts suffered a recession in their western business last week which put them back to 32,000 tons total output. The Upper Connellsville dropped down from 15,500 to 10,710 tons western business, while the Greensburg district fell from 6,889 tons to 3,899 tons, putting it almost out of the western business. These two northern districts seem to share in the troubles common to the other coke districts. They still hold a certain proportion of eastern business because of a freight differential of 20 cents per ton, which enables them to quote cheaper prices than Connellsville and Lower Connellsville operators. However, there is a limit beyond which even the northern district operators will not go, and consequently there have been times in the history of the Connellsville coke trade when the northern districts cheerfully closed down their ovens and confined their activities to the coal business rather than to sell coke at Connellsville region prices. The fact ought to be an object lesson to Connellsville operators right now, notwithstanding it never seems to have been profited by in the past.

The following tabulation shows the output of the northern districts last week:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn.	7,129	10,710	17,839
Greensburg	10,584	3,899	14,483
Totals	17,704	14,609	32,312

The weekly record of shipments from both regions for the present year from February 15, are shown in the following table:

Week	Upper.	Gbg.	Total
Feb. 15	26,569	19,684	46,253
Feb. 22	34,156	20,406	54,562
Mar. 1	34,742	22,659	57,401
Mar. 8	34,022	19,477	53,499
Mar. 15	34,265	22,331	56,596
Mar. 22	27,042	33,998	61,040
Mar. 29	24,520	22,650	47,170
Apr. 5	27,795	20,476	48,271
Apr. 12	27,429	22,597	50,026
Apr. 19	25,245	20,658	45,903
Apr. 26	22,933	18,228	40,561
May 3	25,425	19,963	45,388
May 10	27,201	21,471	48,672
May 17	23,814	21,920	45,734
May 24	25,135	22,135	47,270
May 31	27,364	20,539	48,403
June 7	28,687	22,507	50,942
June 14	20,576	18,401	38,977
June 21	22,952	20,316	43,268
June 28	19,243	19,856	39,109
July 5	22,565	15,896	38,461
July 12	22,896	18,362	41,258
July 19	15,933	16,428	32,361
July 26	22,741	17,615	40,356
Aug. 2	17,872	17,329	35,201
Aug. 9	20,822	17,398	38,220
Aug. 16	24,728	22,437	47,165
Aug. 23	15,011	20,339	35,350
Aug. 30	27,801	19,835	47,636
Sep. 6	25,266	22,430	47,696
Sep. 13	26,877	21,737	48,614
Sep. 20	25,731	23,185	48,910
Sep. 27	26,464	24,663	51,127
Oct. 4	26,618	24,737	51,355
Oct. 11	23,407	20,480	43,887
Oct. 18	24,819	22,277	47,096
Oct. 25	26,805	21,632	48,437
Nov. 1	25,821	22,501	48,328
Nov. 8	20,267	21,303	41,570
Nov. 15	15,860	13,115	28,975
Nov. 22	20,648	20,009	40,639
Nov. 29	14,493	15,065	29,558
Dec. 6	22,654	16,829	39,483
Dec. 13	17,830	14,483	32,313

TRADE IMPROVING

Better Business Predicted for Mills About Sharon.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 12.—A revival in the tin plate and sheet steel business is predicted for January. Many inquiries are being received for both products, and it is said numerous orders are being booked.

For the first time in several weeks the Farrell tin mill of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company worked four days this week, and it is expected to continue on this schedule. Manufacturers say it would not be surprising if the tin mills of the United States Steel Corporation were in full operation soon after the first of the year.

One branch of the business which is depressed is the making of pig iron. Most of the merchant furnaces are idle and there is little demand.

TO LIFT RECEIVERSHIP

Would Place W. & L. E. Again on Paying Basis.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—In Federal Court was begun a hearing which minority stockholders of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad expect will lift the receivership from the property. The receiver was appointed in 1908 when the road failed to meet principal or interest on $12,000,000 bonds given to secure $8,000,000 three-year five per cent notes.

Minority stockholders claim that at the time the receiver was appointed agreements were entered into with the Pittsburg Terminal Company which were greatly to the disadvantage of the Wheeling & Lake Erie. They ask the court to cancel these agreements, claiming that with them out of the way the road will be on a paying basis.

MAKES SAFETY RECORD.

Superintendent Wins Seventh Prize for Absence of Accidents.

J. K. Booth, superintendent of the No. 70 works of the United States Coal & Coke Company, has won for the seventh time the prize of $25 offered each month for the superintendent who makes a record for immunity of fatal or serious accidents.

There are several other superintendents and foremen who have made splendid records along the same line enjoyed by the same company.

COKE PRODUCTION DOWN TO 300,000 TONS LAST WEEK

But it is Thought Bottom Has Been Reached and That

1914 DEMAND WILL BE BETTER

Merchant Operators Closing Contracts for First Quarter Coke at $2.00. Spot Coke Lower but There's Very Little of it in the Market.

Coke production fell off 14,000 tons last week and shipments show a loss of nearly 16,000 tons. This feature of the Connellsville coke trade was due to the curtailment of furnace production and shipments. The furnace interest does not apparently desire to stock any more coke just now, and the demand upon its ovens is materially lessened by the slowing down of the steel mills and furnaces, particularly over the holidays. Last winter, business was so brisk that the usual holiday shut-down in the mills was dispensed with, many of them working even on Christmas. This year the demand for steel products is not pressing and the mills generally will take a week or several weeks off during which time the machinery and equipment will be thoroughly gone over. We may consequently expect the 1913 coke business of the Connellsville region to go out with greatly reduced production and output. Coke shipments have already dropped down to 300,000 tons with production close in their wake.

The falling off is chiefly in furnace production. The merchant coke operators have lost considerable business it is true but not so much proportionately as the furnace curtailment. The merchant operators are making about 130,000 tons per week which the merchant furnace and foundry interests seem to readily absorb. It is thought that this will prove to be the bottom and that future demand will increase rather than diminish. The merchant operators are closing contracts this week with their furnace customers for coke for the first quarter of 1914 at $2.00 per ton. The price seems to have settled at that figure. It is true that spot coke can be bought at less than this figure, but there is very little spot coke on the market. The merchant operators almost without exception have become converts to the policy of regulating their production strictly according to demand. This has resulted in reducing the quantity of stock and spot coke to a very narrow margin.

Production last week is estimated at 307,790 tons of which the furnace interest made 174,540 tons and the merchant interest 133,250 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 156,060 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 151,730 tons. It will be noted that the production of the two districts is almost equal though the Connellsville region has 14,486 ovens in blast and the Lower Connellsville region only 12,209. The result is due to the enforced holiday curtailment of the furnace interest. The ovens generally are running with great irregularity, all the way from four to six days per week, but the furnace ovens went down to four and five days last week and the brakes may be applied harder this week. It is expected, however, that there will be a better working order after the first of the year when there will be resumption of the mills and furnaces.

Shipments for the week aggregated 8,447 cars carrying 305,846 tons consigned as follows:

Districts.	Cars	Tons.
Pittsburg	2,848	100,826
West	4,537	167,219
East	1,062	37,800

The principal falling off in shipments was to the Pittsburg district, where there was a drop of 10,000 tons, indicating the effects of diminished furnace demand. Western shipments declined 2,775 tons and eastern shipments 3,089 tons. The decline in eastern business was the exclusive loss of the Baltimore & Ohio, whose eastern business fluctuates considerably because of its smelter character.

After the blowing out of over 1,700 ovens last week the regions have settled down to running the remainder as well as they can under the rather unsatisfactory circumstances. There were few changes last week. What there were made a net decrease of 61 ovens. Ovens were fired at Washington 120 and scattering 3, total 123, and blown out at Love 32, Isabella 115, Yukon 70, scattering 2, total 187. Love, Isabella and Yukon plants are now wholly idle.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

Revised Charges Now in Force to Various Points, East and West.

The revised rates on coke per ton of 2,000 pounds from the Connellsville region to points both east and west are as follows:

Pittsburg	$ .75
Youngstown and Valley points	1.20
Wheeling	1.20
Cleveland	1.65
Columbus	1.65
Canton	1.40
Toledo	1.85
Detroit	2.10
Milwaukee	2.70
Chicago	2.50
E. St. Louis	2.80
Buffalo	1.85

DR. HOLMES LAUDS HEROISM OF MEN IN MINE RESCUE WORK

Declares Proper Recognition is Not Given Their Valor.

BUREAU TRAINS MANY MEN

Five Thousand Qualify in the Rescue Work and 4,000 Have Taken Course in First Aid: To Make Work Underground Less Hazardous is the Aim.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—"The world seems to give more recognition to the hero who dies in plain view of the people than to the miner who gives up his life in the darkness of the earth. A swimmer who saves a drowning man is given a medal by the federal government for bravery, while a mine rescuer, whose hazard in attempting to save life in a strange mine is infinitely greater, is entirely unrecognized. I don't know why this is unless that in these days of hero-worship it is inevitable that real heroism should be overlooked."

Dr. Joseph W. Holmes, director of the Bureau of Mines, made the above observations while discussing the "safety movement," inaugurated by the bureau, which has reached a stage of great effectiveness. Dr. Holmes remarked that there were scores of rescues in coal mines throughout the country, which never reached the ears of the people, yet in every instance the reports breathed of the rarest kind of heroism upon the part of the rescue crews, made up almost entirely of volunteers from among the miners.

"Since the Bureau of Mines was created," said Dr. Holmes, "our rescue men have trained 5,000 miners in the use of the modern rescue apparatus and 4,000 others in the principles of the first-aid-to-the-injured. These men constitute an army greater than many legions than won their triumphs upon the battlefield, for these men do not destroy life, they save life. All through the past year these men have been answering the emergency call of the mines, in many instances rushing into the very jaws of death in the faint hope of bringing back a father to his family or a young man to his mother.

"The bravery of the miner has never been questioned and there has never been a time when more volunteers than were needed did not respond. When the miner goes to his death he is not spurred on by martial music, the roll of drums, the crack of rifle fire like the soldier in war. There are no volleys of cheers to nerve him to the ordeal. His incentive is the consciousness that he is performing the highest duty that is possible for a fellow man. And unlike the battlefield the world thrills for a day over the heroism and sacrifice of the hero and then forgets him. There are no anniversaries to quicken the memory of the world as to his feats, no campfires to live anew the valor of the dead hero.

"I cannot refrain from paying my humble tribute to the bravery of the rescuers of the Bureau of Mines in the great coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and every other section of our country where the work of the miner is hazardous."

ON TO LATROBE

West Penn Extension Will be in Operation Next Month.

With the middle span of the big bridge at Whitney in place and with but a mile or two of track yet to be laid, the connecting link between Latrobe and the main system of the West Penn lacks but a little more "forging" to make it complete.

The weather has been interfering to some extent with the progress of the work, but it is being pushed despite the cold.

The man in charge of the construction of the brige says that he will have it completed by the middle of January. Before that time, the last of the track will have been laid, but the chances are that it will be a week or two later before cars will be run on schedule, over the new extension, as the ballasting of a couple of miles of the track will be one from the Latrobe end, following the completion of the Whitney bridge, the haul being cheaper than from the Hecla end.

FIFTY P. & L. E. FIREMEN FURLOUGHED; ENGINEERS BACK

Fourteen Locomotive Drivers Will Wield the Shovel; Western Maryland Freight Moves.

As a result of the retrenchment policy adopted by all the railroads in this section, 50 firemen employed by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie, many of whom run out of Dickerson Run and make their home there, have been furloughed. This is the greatest number of men to be laid off by the "Little Giant" in some years.

With the 50 firemen who are furloughed, 14 engineers have been sent back to firing and will handle the shovel instead of the throttle until traffic picks up. Orders to this effect seriously affect the Dickerson Run neighborhood.

For the first time in some weeks the Dickerson Run yards last evening were cleared of Western Maryland freight. Four big trains pulled out of the yards for the east, and it is expected that from now on the Western Maryland will be able to move its traffic promptly.

The Western Maryland is getting its locomotives out of the shops and these, in addition to the eight loaned by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie for freight service, will be ample to handle a normal volume of traffic.

The "Little Giant" is also to let the Western Maryland have two large passenger locomotives, which will be of great aid to the younger line. Two Western Maryland locomotives which were run light to Dickerson Run from Hagerstown had to be sent to the shops but were quickly put in shape to handle a large train which cleaned up the eastern loads standing in the yards.

BANQUET FOR TORMAY

Frick Veterans' Association Honors Retiring Superintendent.

The Frick Veterans' Association gave a banquet to P. J. Tormay, retiring superintendent of the Trotter plant, at the Smith House Saturday night. Men from all over the region who have been in the service of the company for 20 years gathered to do Mr. Tormay honor and they did it properly, too. The banquet itself included everything delectable. Mr. Tormay, amiable as always, feelingly expressed his appreciation of the honor. Toasts of a varied nature were offered by the guests.

Those present were P. J. Locke, Uniontown; William Gates, Pittsburg; W. A. Todd, A. H. Oberly, J. A. Barnhart, D. S. Aultman, M. L. Hays, James Lynch, Scottdale; J. O. Finch, D. M. Pigman, H. W. Giles, J. E. Criswell, Mount Pleasant; C. B. Franks, Leisenring; James A. Cowan, Morewood; T. M. Fox, Tarr; J. A. Childs, A. W. Bowman, Connellsville; J. M. Atcheson, Pittsburg; Robert Ramsay, United, W. C. Mahon, Uniontown, and P. J. Tormay, Trotter.

BITTNER RE-ELECTED

His Adherents Place Majority as High as 6,000.

With almost complete returns from the local unions in the Pittsburg district, it is said President Van Bittner has been re-elected president of the local mine workers by at least 6,000 majority; F. P. Hannaway of Noblestown is elected vice president by about the same majority; Robert Wood of Blythesdale, secretary-treasurer, and Philip Murray of Monongahela, re-elected international board member. The warmest fight was in sub-district No. 4, between John O'Leary of Roscoe, Pa., and William Turnblazer of California, Pa., for board member, but O'Leary has been re-elected, it is claimed, by about 900 majority.

President Van Bittner, in a statement last night, says that he feels deeply grateful to District No. 5 for the endorsement. Them mers voted to continue the same progressive policies that have been in effect during the past year.

CHIEF RODERICK IN REGION.

Confers With Mining Inspectors Regarding Winter's Work.

Chief of the Department of Mines James E. Roderick of Harrisburg was in Uniontown on Friday and held a conference with the mining inspectors of this district at the Hotel Titlow yesterday afternoon and last night. The conference was a secret one and the winter's work in this district was taken up in detail.

Inspectors I. G. Roby, Edward E. Girod and P. J. Walsh attended the conference. Mr. Roderick left this morning for Harrisburg.

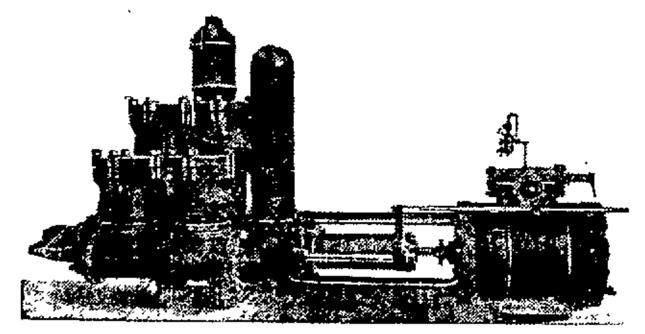
LIST OF COKE-OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Dec. 13, 1913.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
200	146	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
90	....	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	100	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
358	130	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
307	270	Baggaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
30	....	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	160	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	96	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	150	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	100	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	....	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
200	175	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	....	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
303	200	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	....	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	60	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
324	216	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	220	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	100	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
232	200	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
290	100	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	....	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	....	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	160	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
135	....	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
101	....	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
224	70	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
232	200	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	150	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	220	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
315	300	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
260	160	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	....	Junction	Marietta-Ganier Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
206	164	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
499	420	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
436	340	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	320	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
304	250	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
227	180	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	250	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	....	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	....	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	....	Marree	Marree Coke Co.	Uniontown
84	8	Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co.	Dunbar
510	420	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	300	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
165	100	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
380	214	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.
196	115	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
329	130	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
263	180	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
328	329	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
460	400	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
221	80	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	120	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
60	15	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
15	....	Percy	Marietta & Stillwagon	Percy
400	320	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
95	....	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
446	320	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
550	335	Revere	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
26	26	Supper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
42	....	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
56	....	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
445	320	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
525	320	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
220	100	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
175	120	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	....	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
900	550	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	139	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
135	....	Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	....	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
464	320	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
250	250	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
245	160	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
57	54	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	50	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
452	300	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	350	Yorkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	191	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

YOUGH PUMPS



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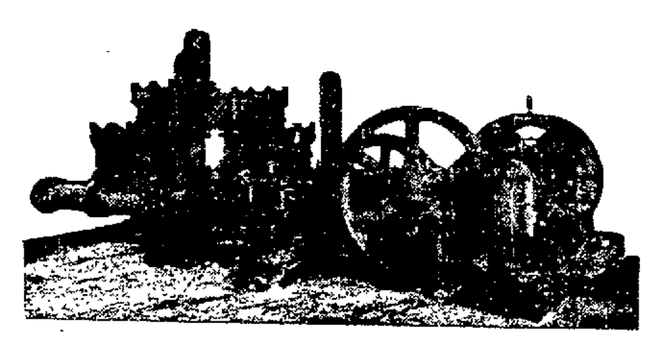

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FOREIGN ORES FOR FURNACES IN SOUTH URGED BY CHEMIST

Virginia Expert Points Out Possibilities for Railroads.

PROFITABLE BACK-HAUL THERE

Furnaces in Virginia and Other Points Cannot Expand Because Native Ores are Scarce, Yet Carriers Could Make Good Rate on Importations.

The suggestion that particular effort be made by tidewater railroads to obtain foreign ore shipments for southern furnaces has been made by the Manufacturers Record, and along that line the magazine publishes a letter from Charles Catlett of Staunton, Va., a chemist and geologist who stands high in the industrial activities of the south. Concerning the proposition. Mr. Catlett says

"I have been greatly impressed with the suggestion in regard to the use of foreign iron ores in this country.

"I recently had an opportunity, while attending the hearings in the suit for the dissolution of the Steel Corporation, to listen for a couple of weeks to descriptions of the known available iron ore resources of the world.

"There is absolutely no question that the next five or ten years will mean an enormous increase in the foreign ores available for use in this country. Any everyone who is directly or indirectly interested in the iron industry should study the proposition with a view to utilizing to the best advantage the opportunities which will thereby be presented.

"Among the organizations which should be interested are certainly the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western railways. These roads have the best of western connections. They deliver at seaboard an enormous amount of good coking coal, which is sold at a very low price for steam purposes. These coals are remarkable in being both high grade coking coal and high grade steam coal.

"Each road has along its line a number of furnaces which are suffering from inadequate ore supply. Even where they are able to secure sufficient ore to operate at the present rate of production, there is probably not a single iron industry on either of these lines whose ore supply is such as to encourage the owners to increase development. The furnaces are well located; have established markets; have abundance of high grade coke at a reasonable price, and they have a certain amount of local ore of good quality. If they could be assured of an ample supply of foreign ore at a price which would enable them to use it under present conditions, not only would the iron industry on these two lines be perpetuated, but it would probably have a steady and healthy growth.

"Each of these roads carries west from the coast to the coal fields of West Virginia thousands of empty coal cars annually, and these cars pass directly by a number of the iron furnaces. It is hardly necessary to point out how cheaply it would be possible for them to handle iron ore from the coast to the points of consumption.

"It is certainly up to these roads to investigate the conditions and to see whether, all things considered it is not to their interest to provide facilities for unloading and transporting foreign ores to their local furnaces. In my opinion, they are missing a great opportunity if they do not do so.

"I think the suggestion that such a movement would ultimately result in the development of iron industries in foreign countries to which we would ship coking coal, and the development of coastwise furnace plants in this country to which the ships carrying an outward cargo of coal would bring back cargoes of ores, is in the nature of a prophecy. It is bound to come."

IDAHO COAL BEDS

Few of Them are Sufficiently Thick to be Developed.

During the summer of 1911, while engaged in examining supposed coal lands in the Snake River valley, C. F. Bowen, of the United States Geological Survey, and C. T. Kirk made investigation of the coal beds of Horseshoe Bend and Jerusalem Valley, on Payette river, Idaho. The main results of that work have been published as Bulletin 531—H of the Geological Survey, a copy of which may be obtained free on application to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

No definite statement regarding the extent or continuity of the coal beds can be made. So far as surface indications go, the coal is of sufficient thickness to justify development at only two localities. The area underlain by coal at each of these localities is probably small. The coal at the Henry mine has a pitch-black color, vitreous luster, black streak, and dense structure. Blocks of coal that had lain in the mine office for a year were still firm, a fact which shows that the coal might have storing properties.

PRESIDENT WILLARD HERE.

B. & O. Head Goes Through on His Way to Chicago.

President Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and, his staff passed through town Sunday afternoon on a special bound from Baltimore to Chicago. The purpose of the trip is to make a daylight inspection of the Chicago division. The Pittsburg and Conellsville divisions will be given attention on the way back.

The party included besides President Willard, First Vice President Randolph, Third Vice President Thompson and a number of minor officials.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY THE WESTERN MARYLAND

Reports on the Year's Betterment Work Shows Much Has Been Accomplished.

Practically all of the work embraced in the extensive improvement program which the Western Maryland Railway Company has been carrying out for the past two or three years, has been finally completed, and the road will enter upon the new year possessed of increased facilities which gives it a highly advantageous position in competition for traffic.

During the past year, excellent progress was made, in providing these aditional facilities for the movement of traffic at those points along the line where they were most neded, and with this work out of the way, a big step forward has been mad toward greater operating efficiency.

There is not a division on the system but that has derived benefits from the company's ambitious improvement plan. New passenger and freight stations have been erected at some points, new freight yards and shops at others, while, along the line aditiona switches and sidings have been installed, which will contribute largely to the prompt movement of traffic.

Large sums of money have been expended in Baltimore, Hagerstown and Cumberland, as well as at numerous other points along the line. As a result, the Western Maryland has placed within reach of the shippers at these points transportation facilities which they did not enjoy in revious years.

In Cumberland, a revision of the main line has been accomplished, and new passenger station and yard facilities provided. Other improvements work at Cumberland includes the construction of double track from Georges Creek Junction, new steel bridges over the Potomac river and Wills creek, revision of Ridgley yards, erection of new inbound freight houses, and also a new engine terminal, including power plant, roundhouse, turn-table and coaling station.

UNITED STATES STEEL NOT AFTER THE KUHN HOLDINGS

Official Denial is Made of Rumor Concerning Interests in This Section.

Official denial was made at the general offices of the West Penn Monday concerning the report published in a Uniontown paper to effect that the United States Steel Corporation is negotiating for the Cheat River dam proposition and other holdings of the Kuhns.

The fact that E. C. Converse, a director of the Steel Corporation, is chairman of the stockholders' committee which is having all the properties of the American Water Works & Guarantee Company investigated probably caused such a story to gain circulation," an official of the West Penn said.

"Experts and engineers are investigating every property held by the American Water Works & Guarantee Company, including the Cheat river hydro-electric development. Mr. Converse is directing the work for the purpose of effecting a reorganization of the company and getting it out of the hands of receivers."

It was stated that the rumor of the Steel Corporation contemplated investment had not reached the West Penn offices in Pittsburg.

ORDERS ARE PLACED

Railroads Get Into Market for Rolling Stock; Other Jobs.

Contracts for close to 3,000 railroad cars have been placed with Pittsburg district manufacturers. The largest contract awarded was that of the Lehigh Valley railroad to the Standard Steel Car Company for 1,000 steel hopper cars and 50 passenger cars. The Pressed Steel Car Company will furnish 500 steel hopper cars to the Lehigh and New England railroad and 30 narrow guage steel hopper cars to the East Huntingdon & East Broad Top Railroad. Other contracts are as follows: The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad has ordered from the Pressed Steel Car Company, 1,000 steel underframes while the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad will be suppled with 300 stock cars from the shops of the Pressed Steel Car Company. Another contract, placed with the Pressed Steel Car Company is 25 phosphate cars by the Atlantic Coast Line.

Pittsburg steel and iron will be utilized in the construction of the new $5,000,000 state capitol building to be erected at Jefferson City, Missouri, to replace the burned state house. The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company of Pittsburg has been awarded the contract to furnish 5,200 tons of structural steel material for the building, which will be one of the most imposing capitols in the United States. The same company will also supply 1,100 tons of structural material for the new postoffice building to be erected at New Haven, Conn.

During the past few days contracts for tin plate by packing interests and other large consumers for their requirements for 1914 were placed, making more than 6,000,000 boxes ordered. This will be supplied by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company and the indepndent sheet and tin plate makers. The plants of the American company are making better time now than they have for some time past and by the beginning of the new year they are expected to be on full turn.

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40	......	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W. Harry Brown	Alicia, Fayette Co.
200	200	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
40	40	Anica	The Wilkey & Fenther Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	......	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
20	......	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	......	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal Coal Co	Pittsburg
700	......	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	34	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
426	320	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
34	28	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	133	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	......	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	......	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	240	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	220	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
142	80	Cyrilla	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
120	118	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	200	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald Nos. 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	32	Donald No. 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Dunn	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
172	......	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	......	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
32	......	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
400	304	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Scottdale
220	120	Francis No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	......	Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
80	68	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	119	Garwood	Ætna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	40	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	340	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	......	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	......	Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
74	62	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
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516	320	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	......	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	......	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	54	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
244	244	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
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60	60	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30	......	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
480	300	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
168	143	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
33	......	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	......	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	96	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
350	320	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
56	......	Rosa	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
273	234	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	......	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	376	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	176	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	70	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	310	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	350	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	......	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
305	280	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
394	360	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
800	400	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
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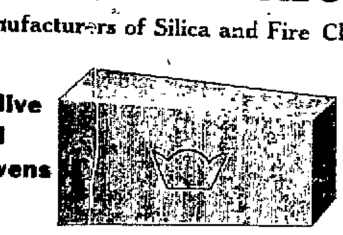

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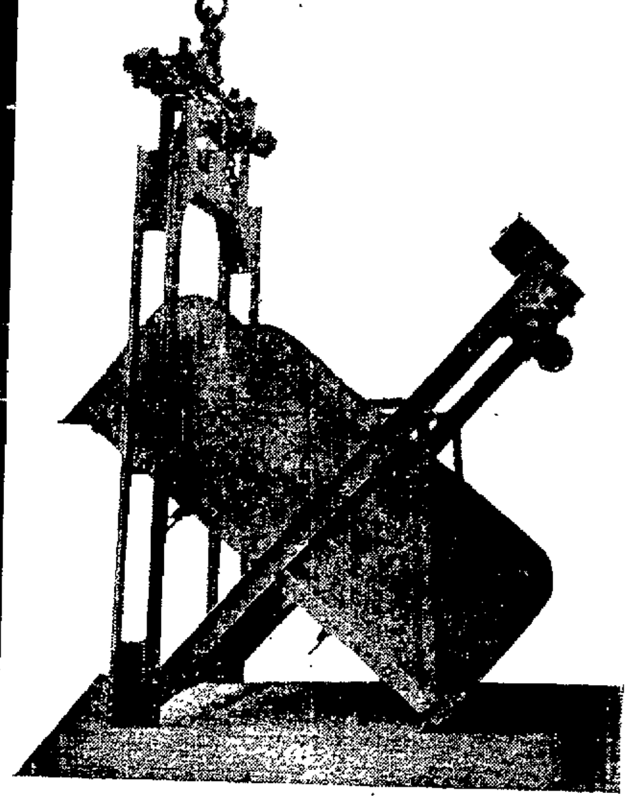

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COKE BREEZE AS FUEL.

The announcement that coke breeze is being experimented with as a locomotive fuel by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company with flattering prospects of success will be interesting to the coke operators of the Connellsville region.

Coke breeze or braise is the fine coke which passes through the fork and ordinarily finds its way to the dump whence it is taken to supply the place of earth filling in, making roads, surfacing tracks and building embankments

This waste material has always been recognized as an inferior form of fuel of evident value if a practical method were devised to utilize it. The invention of such a method is claimed by an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. If his claim proves good he has made his fortune, and the coke trade and the railroads are no doubt sincerely glad of it. The utilization of this waste product of coke making in the Connellsville region will increase the sadly dwindling revenues of the coke producers and at the same time reduce the high cost of railroad operation

The great culm piles of the anthracite region represented a similar waste in that section. One fine day it was discovered that a large percentage of their contents could be turned into merchantable fuel at nominal cost. Since that time the culm banks have yielded millions of dollars to the anthracite operators

The coke breeze of the Connellsville region unfortunately cannot be recovered. It has been dissipated through the channels above indicated, but there are some millions of dollars worth of it due from coming coking operations all of which will be new revenue for the coke operators.

Provided, always, that its value as a locomotive feul is established beyond question.

GREENE COUNTY RAILROADS

The visit of the Pennsylvania railroad officials to the Connellsville coke regions includes an inspection of the Monongahela river and the Buckhannon & Northern railroads

Incidentally the building of lateral lines into the Greene county coking field is suspected and not denied. The Pennsylvania railroad will not suffer any of the Greene county traffic to get away and it may be depended upon to build just as many lines as are necessary at such times as actual developments demand. So long as these developments are close to the river front and near to the present railroad lines of the company this will not be a serious matter

More expensive and more important to the proper development of this coal and coke field is the construction of a main line bisecting the county. Yet the Pennsylvania is better prepared to do this than any other railroad interest. It owns a narrow gauge line into Waynesburg, and it has a line at the eastern door of the county

On the west the Baltimore & Ohio has railroad extensions, while its main line traverses the county on the north

After all Greene county is well enough supplied with railroads and railroad prospects to reasonably guarantee any investor in its coal transportation facilities whenever it is desired to develop and operate.

THE ARMOR PLATE MILL.

Congressman Carr is alive to the interests of his constituency and loyal to the memories of the Barefoot Boy organization in its happiest if not its palmiest days

Congressman Carr has made an able plea for the location of the proposed Government armor plate plant at Masontown

With that eloquence for which he is justly noted the Representative from Fayette county points out that Masontown is in the heart of the Klondike coke field where the famous Connellsville coke may be had at the oven that it is little less removed from the Lake ore ports than Pittsburg being practically within the Pittsburg district and finally that it is located on a navigable stream

We presume that Congressman Carr's proposition involves the location of the armor plate mill on the banks of the stream and not on top of Masontown hill. It would be more sentimental to locate the mill on the hill but the Barefoot Boy influence will probably have to yield this much to utility

But Fayette county will welcome the armor plate mill no matter where the Barefoot Boys place it

ABSURD

The rumor voiced by a Uniontown newspaper that the United States Steel Corporation is examining and appraising the Cheat river hydro-electric plant with a view to taking it over together possibly with the whole West Penn system is pronounced by the executive officials of the West Penn to be "absurd

Thinking it over calmly it couldn't be anything else but absurd

The West Penn properties would be about as much use to the United States Steel Corporation as a fifth wheel to a wagon and it is well understood that the United States Steel Corporation is not enlarging its subsidiary interests just at present

The bar banquet following the example of the bar picnic, will be dry. Having committed themselves to the dry proposition the lawyers could not consistently take any other course.

The One Chance.

The Daily Iron Trade commenting on The Courier's weekly review of the Connellsville coke trade and the ultimatum of the merchant operators that they will not sell their coke for less than $2 00 per ton says

"Thus, in proclaiming this doctrine oven operators are following the example of merchant blast furnaces and steel works, as well. Furnaces began blowing out months ago seeing the inevitable staring them in the face. Steel works have been closing down or running intermittently for six weeks and more are to be added to the idle list unless the volume of business now moving to the mills increases appreciably before the end of December

Liquidation is running its course. For liquidation in the iron and steel trade is not confined to reduction of profits on the finished products alone all factors entering into its manufacture coming in for their share. Coke is one of them, so is iron ore so is labor although every effort is being made by furnace and mill owners to prevent cutting the wages of their employes so that today many mills are reporting far higher production costs than in months.

"The Connellsville operators may be able to cut down output to demand and they may be able to hold furnace coke to $2. But the question arises. Whither does it all lead? In other words, where is the jumping off place?

"Of course nobody is able to answer the latter question, though the number of those who are willing is a host. Some of our political friends incline to the view that it will be a long time before prosperity returns to the steel trade and the country while others denounce such views as treason to the government and express the confident belief that it's only a bit of a shower and that in fact the sun is already shining

There seems to be a well-defined sentiment in steel circles however that there will be an upward movement within the coming six months that is to say during the first half of 1914. This sentiment is based chiefly upon the fact that the steel mills the blast furnaces and the coke ovens are practically bare of stock. There is nothing to halt a forward movement when it comes. Conditions should give it impetus

It is furthermore the consensus of opinion in industrial circles generally that the situation would be materially improved and the steel industry given a wonderful impetus by the granting of the 5% increase in freight rates asked by the railroads

The railroads consume about one-third the output of the steel trade. Owing to the uncertainty of their present condition they have practically ceased buying. It is the loss of their business that has done much to bring about the present depression in steel and iron and coke

The railroads did not stop buying from choice but from necessity. If their increased rate is granted as it undoubtedly should be in justice the railroads will feel justified in placing their orders for material at once. These orders will be sufficient in volume to greatly stimulate the steel business and it is thought to turn the tide of industry by the force of example and the accompanying confidence it will create in the business world

There is not much room for doubt as to the equity of the railroad demand for an increase in rates. The public is familiar with the facts concerning successive wage advances which have been made and of the higher cost of transportation generally. In addition to this the railroads have opened their books and showed that without increased revenues they are unable to operate their lines at a profit while some of them are running at an actual loss

The situation is a waiting one due to upset Tariff conditions and the absence of railroad business. It is by no means hopeless but it is mighty uncomfortable while it lasts and incidentally the Democratic party is not without blame in the matter

CANDIDATE WISE'S QUANDARY

The Honorable Jesse Hook Wise is in a desperate quandary and he is seeking advice from his friends. He wants to know whether he should accept the Democratic and Keystone nominations for Congress in his district

In view of the fact that these nominations remain to be made the above request arouses the horrible suspicion that these nominations must have been tendered to Wise by some person or persons in authority in those parties. In short that the Democratic and Keytsone parties have bosses who dictate their nominations. The Democratic party has been under suspicion for some time notwithstanding its virtuous posing

But that the Keystone Party, the original party of protest against Republican bosses in Pennsylvania should itself be dominated in the same manner is most amazing. However it only illustrates the difference between theory and practise between pretense and performance

To be filled with ambition and doubt is to be filled with misery. We sympathize with the Honorable Jesse Hook Wise and if he can get the Democratic and Keystone nominations or any others we unhesitatingly advise him to grab em

There may be platforms and policies and pledges attached to each nomination but the broad statesmanship of the member sometime of Greene will no doubt be able to assimilate them all

It might be well to remember however, that the first step toward cooking the hare is to catch it

FIRE ALARMS

The threat of the City Council to remove the fire alarm boxes from certain neighborhoods whence false alarms are being constantly sent unless the residents of that section resolve themselves into a vigilance committee and produce the culprit is a pretty drastic remedy but it is a question whether it is not warranted by the circumstances

The Council reasonably assumes that the culprits are known to some of the residents of the sections where their pranks are frequent but that those having knowledge do not want to incur the enmity of others by turning informer

Ordinarily the informer is not the most popular character in the play but in the present case it is the public duty of any man or woman having knowledge of these practises to report them

If they are so lacking in public spirit, so dead to public duty so steeped in moral cowardice as to be afraid to bear witness against a vicious and dangerous practise which tends to reduce the efficiency of the fire alarm box placed in their vicinity for their better protection there are certainly strong grounds to justify the Council in removing such alarm box and setting it up in a locality where it will be better appreciated

FOLLOWS THE COAL

Simon Cameron Long the able general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad says his road follows the coal. If it does Washington and Greene counties will be checker boarded with Pennsylvania lines. It may even standard gauge the Washington & Waynesburg observes the Washington Record

The Courier has always held to the view that there would be no trouble about railroad facilities into Greene county when the holders of its coking coal lands were ready to develop their properties and this prediction has held true thus far. The policy of bottling up coal fields of merit is no longer popular in railroad circles

Enterprising railroads like the Pennsylvania not only follow the coal in their territory but they are mighty careful to get their tracks into its developments before any rival railroad has a chance to butt in

Boys of tender age should not carry matches but neither should they be able to find canisters of powder lying around the byways of the city

Rockwood hears that it has come back to its own as the B & O coal distributing center of Somerset county

THE FIRST BUDGET

The City Council is getting a move on. Considering the handicaps it has been under its work has been done with commendable facility. It augurs well for the future

The city administration has been made more complete by the election of a Controller and Treasurer. These insure a practical working machine. Other appointments are yet to be made but these particular cogs in the administration are not in immediate demand. The appointments made last night are noteworthy because of the high characters of the incumbents and their low salaries. If economy is the slogan of the new administration it is strikingly illustrated here

The budget submitted is not a fair estimate of the ultimate cost of city government. In fact it is admitted to be something of an experiment. It does not include anything for interest or principal of funded debt but it includes some unpaid current bills of former administrations

It is possible that the Council may be able to cut down this estimate when it is made the next time. There are a number of petty offices provided under the law which small cities may well dispense with

One of the first duties of the Council is to reduce the city indebtedness to better and more economical form by refunding it. At the same time adequate means for its liquidation should be provided

NEW COMBINATION

The Pennsylvania Democrats have made a new combination. It is now announced that the Honorable A Mitchell Palmer the big boss will permit himself to be forced by the importunities of his enthusiastic fellow Democrats to run for Governor

This of course effectually disposes of the Gubernatorial boom of Judge Stephen Leslie Mestrezat but if anybody has entertained the notion that it disposes of the judge he evidently doesn't know much about the latter. When he sets out for something he is not easily turned aside

It is not surprising therefore to note a prompt suggestion that Judge Mestrezat be the Democratic candidate for United States Senator. Up to date the judge has not declined this proposition

Whatever the combination is it is apparent that the Barefoot Boys of Fayette county are a large part of it. The proposed combination will probably arouse Democratic enthusiasm and Democratic hope but it is safe to say that neither candidate will resign his present office until the election is over and maybe not then

CURRENCY REFORM

No scheme of currency reform should be adopted that is not above suspicion. There are too many doubts about the Democratic bill

Senator Root sounds a solemn note of warning but the Democratic statesmen at Washington are so impressed with the wisdom of their legislative creations since they fashioned the Tariff bill that they are not inclined to heed warnings or take advice. They have the bit in their teeth

The people who put it there are just beginning to wonder why they ever did it

Senator Elihu Root has been mentioned as a Republican candidate for President. He will not be nominated. There is an insuperable objection to him as a candidate. He is a great statesman and consequently a man of pronounced views. He is the same category with Philander Chase Knox. Political parties as a rule nominate compromise men

The Dickerson Run trolley accident is something of a mystery. The car was practically at its destination. By all the rules of safety first it ought to have been safe

The Reverend Billy Sunday's honorium for evangelizing Johnstown was $16 200. The Big Leaguers haven't anything on Billy either in fame or in fortune

Everybody went to church on Sunday

Abe Martin

Some fellers are naturally quiet but as a rule th close mouthed feller is either stupid or hampered fer information

None but th brave kin live with th fair.

Lots o fellers know President Wilson that he can't place

Some feller's idea o bein public spirited is havin their hair trimmed once a week

No girl is ever so sure o a feller's love that she'll let him see her before breakfast

What's become o th ole fashioned husband who used t work around home?

What's become o th feller who used t be willin t work at anything till somethin beter come along?

Tipon Bud wuz found unconscious in a alley south o his home last night. A Kiefer pear tied up in a handkerchief wuz found hard by

Ther haint nothin as suspicious as a widow with a little lab o money

A farmer wuz in town yisterday who Ther haint nothin a woman likes to do better n t try on $70 hats while th clerk is lookin up her husband's credit ter a $_ rio

Bout th time a girl gits too big fer Santy Claus an easy mark drops round

The Lobby Probe has reported condemning the manufacturers in violent terms, but excusing the labor organizations on the ground that the were not corrupt. The difference seems to have been that the manufacturers tried to buy while the labor organizations bullied. President Wilson is reported to do all his lobbying with a promise in one hand and a threat in the other. This plan is not open to the charge of being inside low

An epidemic of boils has rendered it unsafe to shake hands but than heaven it's between campaigns

The Connellsville thieves and burglars cannot be eliminated by setting a policeman to guard every home because there are not enough policemen to go around but perhaps the nuisance might be removed at the source by a thorough criminal survey of the city and the deportation of undesirables thus discovered

The electric mergers of Western Pennsylvania counties were foreordained

Fayette county's condemned murderer d mirds letter grab with which to solace his last few days. We believe it is an ancient privilege having its foundation in pity rather than in justice

The only thing that the Connellsville burglars can't catch is a policeman

The census reports show that the money per capita has risen from $34 34 last year to $34 this year. Even we had the money 42 cents wouldn't go very far toward reducing the high cost of living

The West Penn will probably equip all its cars with fenders. The spirit of safety first is abroad in the system

The Democratic administration requires $34 000 000 more to run the government during the next fiscal year than the Republicans asked one year ago. This is the High Cost of Democratic Simplicity

The Union Supply Company measures the sweetness of its charity to the children of its patrons by the ton

The growth of the Somerset county coal business has been rapid and extensive. It is estimated that the output this year will aggregate 11 000 000 tons. The coke output of the Connellsville region will reach approximately 20 000 000 tons requiring about 30 000 000 tons of coal to manufacture. The Somerset county coal output therefore is a little better than one third that of the great coke region

New York has evidences of a gigantic cocaine trust. Perhaps it has some bootlegging ramifications in the Connellsville region

The rumor that Premier Bryan had captured the Panama Canal Zone and was about to colonize it with delegates to the next Democratic National Convention proves to be without foundation to the great relief of some of the Original Wilson Men

The unwritten law is good in Somerset county at least against a foreigner

Senator Root warns the country against the Currency bill chiefly because it is a measure of expansion which lacks resilience. In his view the currency should contract as really as it expands. The Senator broadly intimates that the bill is the voice of Wilson but the hand of Bryan and that it is as dangerous to the country as the Free Silver proposition of 1896

Dealing in junk seems to be an extra hazardous occupation

The collapse of the Struble murder case was not unexpected. It is not reasonable to suppose that an intelligent man even if he desired to get rid of a woman would murder her in cold blood in broad day and in the presence of at least one witness whom he made no subsequent attempt to molest.

The enthusiastic members of the Young Men's Christian Association declare that the association has outgrown its building and that Connellsville needs a new and modern establishment. Perhaps but it took Connellsville a long time to get the present establishment and we believe it is not paid for yet. The advocates of a new building are progressive but they should resolve themselves into a finance committee and debate the proposition from the standpoint of hard cash

Personal health is one of the best investments we can make but it is woefully neglected

New boards of health will be general in Fayette county owing to the passage of a ripper law. Changes are sometimes advisable in these boards and sometimes not. The boards that have been doing efficient work should be retained

Progressive Wisconsin has a law whereby it is possible for a woman to enslave her husband for a jail period

The sun has accumulated a spot and we will probably accumulate some sinister weather in consequence

There are rumors of Cabinet changes as soon as Congress adjourns. The Barefoot Boy organization will no doubt turn up smiling with a few recommendations. It has a strangle hold on the tail of opportunity

A Waynesburg minister has set up a small movie show in his church and will give an entertainment once a week. He will have to come often r than that

The Uniontown Herald has effected a junction between its heavy editorial artillery and its paragraph skirmishers and now has some pretense of an editorial page. But the first page is still given over to the greed of commercialism

The Cuffey Oil Guard is reported to be asking for a few patronage buns in Philadelphia. The nerve of it

When ground glass is used to adulterate pulverized sugar it will have to be admitted that there is some necessity for pure food law

Senator Root has been honored with the Nobel peace prize. It was not given him in recognition of his services in trying to compose the Republican difference at Chicago in 1912. For that there is still a medal coming to him

The ponderous needle as ... to the white slave traffic is pronounced by experts to be a pricking imagination

The foreign traitor who assault the Leisenring girl will ... at least ten years in the penitentiary ... think ... his crime and that is not too long

The express companies ... the ... of parcels ... the careful handling of Christmas trade. This never happened before

Young men may ... have instruction in electricity as well as in mining at the Young Men's Christian Association. The more attractive the association has the more popular and successful it will be

When the City Council gets ... the department ... should insist upon compliance with that portion of the law which requires ... and ... survey ... Connellsville ...

Greater Dawson is still a dream but a census now and then will encourage the notion of consolidation

Frederick C Keighley's discussion of phosphorus in coke illustrate the value of a good chemist in connection with a good coke plant

United States District Attorney E Lowry Humes has ... another assistant and the Fayette County Bar Association will renew its recommendation of George Luchman Jefferies. George had better go the endorsement of the Barefoot Boys. It goes further

We have been furnished with circumstantial evidence of the fact that the high-priced egg is of uncertain age

The fiends who deliberately wrecked a Lake Shore train for the purpose of killing one passenger are not mere murderers they are butchers. Their lives will not be sufficient to expiate their crime. There will be a deficit on the books of justice after they are hanged

The Mexican combatants are fighting in the warm climate of the tropical gulf coast where it is much more comfortable to live even if it is just as hard to die

How will that lucky Mount Pleasant woman have the coal ... people with the high cost of living when the supply of weasels runs out

It is interesting to find that business is booming in the Gulf coast of the South while industrial ... in the Middle Atlantic States are very halting. The Tariff bill was framed by the South and probably for the South

It is becoming more than ever apparent that backfold ... tablets are too plentiful and too convenient in the too many households. It is time to lock them up or possibly to better regulate their sale by law

The Hetch Hetchy is not an Oriental dance nor a turkey trot but just a plain gobble of a part of the public domain by the City of San Francisco

The most successful Christmas tree is not the biggest

The Fayette County Teachers Institute is open and it is to be hoped that the ... band who ... on the steps of the court house are occupying front seats

The School Board didn't give the Library any more than its fair share of the cost of maintenance when it contributed a little less than one half the cost of maintaining it for the coming year. The work done by the library for the schools of Connellsville warrants a larger measure of support than that given. In fact many citizens hold to the view that the public support of the Library should come wholly from the school exchequer

Connellsville seeks a new dump. Sanitary conditions must be observed in the disposal of the city's waste matter

The first things the new administration of the Chamber of Commerce proposed was to collect up all back dues and subscriptions. The blood of the administration may be young but it does not lose sight of the fact that the sinews of war count for much

Community Christmas trees are becoming a fad

The Democratic Congressional delegation at Washington has formally launched a Gubernatorial boom for A Mitchell Palmer. This looks like treachery in the Barefoot Boy camp. What is to become of the candidacy of Judge Stephen Leslie Mestrezat who e been has been promulgated by the Barefoot Boys of Fayette county?

In the midst of a general declining volume of railroad traffic the Western Maryland has all it can carry. However it might carry more if it had better equipment.

NEWSPAPER NOTES

The Waynesburg Messenger has absorbed the Greene County Democrat. The consolidation was sensible from the viewpoint of politics and business. One good Democratic newspaper in Greene county is better than two poor ones.

John S Ritenour turns up as editor and publisher of the Monongahela Times. The veteran journalist is putting forth a finished product

Charles S Howell has bought the Washington Record and has assumed the editorial management. He is an old newspaper man. When he quit the game in Pittsburg some years ago he was city editor of the Pittsburg Times. He is putting some snap in the Record that was never there before

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 1883

James Cochran & Sons plan to build 300 ovens on the Lutzhill tract before spring. The production will be marketed over the Dickerson Run branch of the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Youghiogheny railroad

Two companies organized in the First and Second wards. J H Laird elected captain of the First ward company and J E Lucs of the Second ward organization. Representatives of both companies will meet to elect Fire Marshal

Council plan bridge is declared to be faulty after an examination of the plans and the agitation results in the court ordering an investigation of the ... viewers who had declared it safe

W M Hawkins, former dispatcher for the Baltimore & Ohio has been elected general manager of the Beck with Auto Pneumatic Signal Company of Pittsburg

Methodist Protestant Church dedicated with impressive services by George P McFlie D D, former president of Adrian College and John Scott D D editor of the Methodist Recorder

Rev P L Miller and wife of the Methodist Episcopal Church presented with 101 valuable ... and ... sum of money by the members of the congregation

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 1893

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday December 9 1893 shows a total of 17 ... 13 ovens of which ... and 8851 with an estimated production of 79 ... tons. There were ... idle ovens fired up during the week

Shipments for the week ... 1746 cars consigned as follows ... Pittsburg and river tipple ... cars to points west of Pittsburg ... 15 ... to points ... of Connellsville 1311 cars ... with ... a slight increase in shipments ... November 1

Dunbar furnace which has ... idle since July 1893 ... has been leased by a Philadelphia ... and preparation begun ... resumption

Frank ... the ... at ... tracts ... the ... owners

... lored ... the ... members ... ship

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 1903

... the ... week ending Saturday December ... shows a total of ... ovens of which ... idle ...

Shipments for the week ... as follows ... Pittsburg and river ... points west ... points ... cars ... points east ... cars

Plea of insanity was ... Herman Weiss ... the murder of ... Patrick Ryan at Dunbar last ... Kuhn ... light and ... interests in the ... Company

John McGuire dies ... the ... of death from the Ferguson home ... aged 35

... Johnson dies from injuries ... when squeezed between cars in the new yards.

UNDERTAKER UNDER ARREST FOR MOVING BODY FROM GRAVE

Scottdale Man Contends He Violated No Law by Doing It.

PRIEST COMES TO HIS SUPPORT

Rev Lambing of Scottdale Asserts That Dead Man Should Not Have Been Buried in Unconsecrated Ground Attended Removal of Body

SCOTTDALE Dec 16—The arrest of William Ferguson the well known undertaker on an information of Rev Ignatz Ogloszewski pastor of the Polish Church at Everson charging Mr Ferguson with maliciously and clandestinely removing the body of Peter Swed from the Polish cemetery and the arrest of Julian Polka, alleged to have assisted at the removal took place on warrants issued from Uniontown. Constable Charles Betts served the warrants and the statements made at the time created something of a sensation

The body of Peter Swed who came here in 1883 with his family was buried in the Polish cemetery last May the man having been killed on the railroad at Everson. He was a member of the Polish congregation. The pastor of the foreign congregation went to Uniontown when the body was removed from his cemetery and upon advice entered the information. Undertaker Ferguson it appears was only doing the work any undertaker might be called upon to do. He removed the Swed body from the Everson cemetery to the St John's cemetery in Scottdale

Rev M A Lambing pastor of St John's cemetery said today that there was nothing irregular in the action of the undertaker and that he could see that no church law was violated and that there was no desecration of the cemetery. Father Lambing said that the time of Swed's death it was reported that he was a suicide but the coroner's verdict clearly established the opposite as a verdict of accidental death was given. He said he advised that the Everson priest give the dead man the benefit of the doubt and then advised him of the coroner's verdict. However for some reason the body was interred in the plot set apart for suicides. The family of the man recently objected to this and came to Rev Mr Lambing asking that they be allowed to bury their father beside the mother in the St John's cemetery. He said that he saw no objection to this and says he wrote a letter stating to the Everson priest and gave the letter to one of the sons of the deceased

Mr Ferguson also obtained from Register Robert Gove of Fayette county the necessary permit issued by the state for the removal of bodies so that the action was also regular in that respect. Father Lambing ... here out the statement that the body was removed at no hour of 5 o'clock as was represented in the information but that it reached the cemetery at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and that he Father Lambing blessed the grave at that time in the presence of several persons. There were several of the Swed family, including the body of the mother buried there

PRESBYTERIANS REVISING PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING

Specifications Being Adjusted to Bring Cost of Edifice Within $60 000

Plans for the Presbyterian church which is to be erected at the corner of Green and South Pittsburg streets are being revised in order to bring the estimates of the contractors within the limit originally set. When these changes are made the bids which are now in the hands of the building committee will be reconsidered and the contract let so that work may begin early in the spring

As it now stands the complete structure with all improvements, ... cost more than $100 000. The building as it is estimated will cost ... the furnishings heating ... the interior and ... the grounds will bring ... the century thousand ... This will leave the congregation ... their old property ... valued at $60 000 ... decide to ... their one year option ... otherwise the contract for a ... $8 000 for the first ten ... $4 000 for the second ten ... and the entire property ... and all will revert ... of 20 years ... which developed in ... a building ... South Side so far from ... the ... has cropped out ... it was decided ... members in open ... unanimously

PHONE NEWS OF ELOPEMENT

Editor's Daughter and Mining Engineer Marry in Cumberland

SOMERSET Dec 16—A telephone ... from Cumberland at noon ... the marriage there of Miss ... Marie ... and Walter Brown ... of Somerset. The bride is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilbur ... the South Side her ... editor of the Somerset ... Mr Brownfield is a grandson of Mr Peter L Walter with whom he has made his home since ... Mr Brownfield is employed in the engineering department of the Consolidation Coal Company

... had been visiting relatives ... Bedford for a week or ten days. The plans for the marriage were made by correspondence

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If you have advertise it in The Weekly Courier

CITY COUNCILMEN DEBATE POLE TAX; PASS FIRST BUDGET

Three Hour Session Accomplishes Little Beyond Routine.

MORE WORK IS MAPPED OUT

City Solicitor Gets on Three Committees to Draft Ordinances Outlining Duties of Officials; Police and Fire Department Shakeup Near

City council is still at work on the preliminary details of getting things started, and to that end as in session for more than three hours Monday night. The most tangible thing accomplished was the passage of the appropriation ordinance, which went through with minor amendments.

At the request of council, City Solicitor Higbee compiled a record of the indebtedness left by the borough. The funded debt totals $112,000, the bonds remaining to be paid as follows: Pittsburg street improvement, $2,000, refunding bonds of 1899, $14,500; sewer bonds, $35,000; funding series of 1908, $47,500; funding series of New Haven, $12,000.

The unfunded debt includes certificates of indebtedness which fall due from October, 1911, up to November, 1914, totaling $31,869.60; balances due the Connellsville Water Company of $3,869.73, and the West Penn Electric Company of $15,305.69, and an estimated outstanding indebtedness for minor items of $54.45.01.

The new city is faced with the problem of arranging for the payment of $156,645.01, a legacy of the old borough, in addition to obligations it may itself contract.

The impending shakeup in the police and fire departments is near at hand. Both commitees named to draft ordinances reorganizing those branches of the service will meet this week and be prepared to report next Monday evening. Superintendent Hooper of the street committee also reported that the comprehensive plan for more economy in cleaning the streets is ready for submission but will be first gone over by Mayor Marietta, who is a member of the committee.

For the past two meetings Councilman Duggan has brought up the question of collecting pole tax from the various public service corporations, and each time it has started a rather aimless discussion. Solicitor Higbee holds that pole tax can only be collected to the extent of the actual cost of inspecting the poles and lines, except where the franchise ordinance expressly provides for the payment of a tax. Duggan is of opinion that no poles can be set without consent of the property owners, a contention with which Higbee does not agree. The two discussions have consumed considerably more than an hour's time, all told, and the question isn't settled yet.

Duggan went after the Bell Telephone Company and endeavored to have the setting of poles held up until a pole tax ordinance is arranged, but a compromise resolution was adopted calling upon the city solicitor for an investigation into the validity of all claims against public service corporations up to November 30, 1912, together with a schedule of public service franchises now in existence.

Superintendent Hooper of the street department reported minor matters. The city engineer was directed to draw specifications for a guard rail at the approaches to the East Park bridge, and bids will be asked. The complaint of Harry Ford against the Connellsville Water Company regarding a charge for tapping a line was not acted upon, it being decided that the city is not involved in the controversy.

Superintendent Hooper will make an immediate investigation into conditions along Fairview avenue, which is almost constantly being flooded. Mayor Marietta expressed belief that a spring along the upper end of the street is the cause of the trouble and suggested that a drop be placed in the sewer to catch the flow.

The mayor also expressed his opinion of the engineering bills that have been charged during the past four or five years. He declared the borough has spent enough on engineering details to have paved a street or two. In order to guard against excessive charges in the future a committee consisting of Councilmen Hooper and Duggan was directed to confer with the city solicitor and frame an ordinance defining the duties of the city engineer. A resolution introduced to proceed with the election of an engineer was withdrawn.

The West Penn was directed to lay 9-inch girder rails along Race street, in preparation for paving to be done there in the near future. This notice was served in order to give the company plenty of time to make the change before the paving is started.

Superintendent Wright of the public safety department was given the power to appoint two firemen to serve until January 1.

Further steps along the line of meeting the payroll and settling debts were taken through the letting of contracts to the Pryce Printing Company and the Connellsville News Publishing Company for the printing of voucher warrants, statements and other stationery. The contract was also awarded for the purchase of ordinance and minute books, and a city furnish the books. J. H. Matthews & Sent, W. G. Johnson & Company will Company got the contract for the new city seal.

Tax Collector Norton was notified to settle the 1911 and 1912 duplicates before February 1, and the 1913 duplicate before March 1. Tax Collector Miller of the West Side was directed to settle all duplicates by February 1.

Committees were named for the preparation of ordinances covering the duties of the city engineer, city assessor and the board of health. The complaint of Charles Weihs, filed through Attorneys McDonald & Cray for the payemnt of damages because Pittsburg street pavement overflows, was referred to the street committee. A change of grade is responsible for this condition, it was alleged.

A resolution was passed directing that the lien against the John Heffley property on Johnston avenue be canceled on payment of $25, it having been divested through a sheriff's sale.

TABBY PROVES GOOD PROVIDER; CATCHES WEASLE REGULARLY.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 16. Mrs. Wissinger, who lives along Braddock Road avenue, has a tabby cat which is becoming a steady provider and is responsible for her mistress having pin money quite frequently.

Twice within the past few weeks the cat has caught a weasle and each time Mrs. Wissinger has collected a bounty of $2 from the county commissioners.

LEE SCOTT GOES TO THE PEN FOR MURDER OF NEGRO HERE

Is Given From Two to Five Years by Judge Umbel; Other Sentences Imposed in Court.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 16.—Lee Scott, who pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for killing Al Bulleck at Greene Junction, was today sentenced by Judge Umbel to serve an indeterminate sentence of from two to five years in the penitentiary.

Judge Umbel asked Scott to disclose the identity of the "yellow coon" who was in the car when the fight took place and who Scott declared actually committed the murder, but the prisoner stoutly declared that he did not know.

The costs of the case are included in the sentence.

Noah Miner, who attacked George Fuehrer at Leisenring about a month ago, was committed to the Huntingdon Reformatory.

Minor sentences were imposed upon a number of offenders. Sava Petrovich was sent to the workhouse for a year for aggrevated assault and battery. Steve Labanka drew a similar sentence for hitting a man with an axe. Steve Burban, a of Mount Braddock, who made a pastime of wife-beating, was sent to jail for a year.

Tony Lasick of Fayette City will spend a year an eight months in the penitentiary for shooting a friend. For stealing carpenter tools, Abe Romesburg of Dunbar township was sent to jail for four months.

Seven Connellsville boys were paroled in custody of their parents, under the supervision of the truant officers, on charge of stealing telephone wire. They were Slugrly and Harry Cossil, Wash and Martin Royeski, William and Theodore Sido and Paul Rowland.

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

Matings of Cupid Among the Frosty Sons of Thunder.

SOMERSET, Dec. 16.—Miss Ethel Grace Lease, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lease, and Milton E. Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spangler, both of Quemahoning township, were married at Stoyestown, by Rev. Frank J. Wetzel, pastor of the Stoyestown Reformed Church.

Miss Helen Yasho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Yasho and Peter B. Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, both of Meyersdale, were married at Meyersdale by Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxall.

Miss Elda Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and Urbanus Weimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Weimer, both of Meyersdale, were married at Meyersdale, by Rev. G. Avery Neeld.

Miss Mary Amelia Hudak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudak, and Frank Kerch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaszel Kerch, bobt of Jerome, were married at Windber, by Rev. S. S. Polansky.

Miss Annie Turk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turk, and Joseph Hocevar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hocevar, both of Rockwood, were married at the cout house yesterday by Clerk of the Orphans' Court Bert F. Landis.

MINISTERS FOR TEMPERANCE.

Meet in Uniontown to Discuss Fusion With the Dry Forces.

For the purpose of forming a ministerial union to join in the federation with the prohibition forces the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Sunday schools and the Prohibitionists to assist in carrying on the work in Fayette county, about 35 ministers from the various churches in Western Pennsylvania met Monday morning in Uniontown.

Rev. W. Scott Bowman of Uniontown was elected president, Rev. J. S. Bromley of Uniontown, Rev. W. J. Everhart of Connellsville and Rev. T. H. Ford were elected vice presidents Rev. I. Robert Wilson, secretary, and Rev. J. A. Yount, treasurer.

ELOPE TO CUMBERLAND.

Greenwood Maid is the Bride of a B. & O. Flagman.

Miss Hilda Shumaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Shumaker of Eighth street, Greenwood, and John W. Beatty a Baltimore & Ohio flagman, eloped to Cumberland yesterday morning.

Others granted a license in Cumberland yesterday were Maude Reagan and Foster Mansbury, both of Connellsville.

Appoints Examining Board.

SOMERSET, Dec. 16.—Judge Ruppel has appointed the following examining board to hold examinations for mine foremen and fire bosses in Somerset county: Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham of Somerset and Supedintendent Richard Maize and Orville Kreger of Boswell.

REPUBLICANS VOTE TO CUT SOUTHERN DELEGATES BY 62

Reduction to Representation in National Convention Approved.

PARTY NOT TO MEET IN 1914

Delegates Decide Convention Next Year Would be Unwise and Reject That Proposition; Northern States Also Lose Delegates, But Not Many.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Curbing the authority of the National Republican Committee and reducing the Southern states' representation by 62, was recommended today in a unanimous report submitted by a subcommittee to which these matters were referred.

The recommendation is that the number of delegates be reduced by 70, eight in the North and 62 south of the Mason-Dixon line. There are now 1,024 delegates in all. The reduction in the North will not affect Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Presidential booms and boomlets were in evidence at the convention. Under the surface "big politics" was working. Senator Borah's name was prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination in 1916, but Senator Cummins and former Governor Hadley also had their followers. That Theodore Roosevelt might be the party candidate was admitted to be "possible."

The committee voted against the proposition to hold a convention next year. A majority of the committeemen felt it would be unwise to call the party delegates together until further steps have been taken to heal the breach within the party.

Some opposition developed to the proposition of permitting the committee to determine the apportionment of delegates, rather than having it done by the convention itself.

COATES ELECTED CHIEF

Veteran Pittsburg Fire Fighter Goes to Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 17.—William Coates, chief of the Pittsburg fire department, was elected last night, at a regular meeting of council, chief of the Uniontown department at a salary of $1,200 a year. The councilmanic committee that went to Pittsburg to consult with Chief Coates reported that he would accept the position on January 5, when he retires from the Pittsburg department.

Council believes the election of Chief Coates will settle all difficulties that have arisen in the local department during the last year. For several weeks the department had no chief. Heretofore the position did not pay a salary, but it was decided by council to pay the chief and the assistant chief. The assistant chief probably will be a local man.

CLUE TO MISS M'CANN

Chicago Hospitals Being Searched for Trace of Missing Girl.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Detectives today began a search of the hospitals for Miss Jessie McCann, the pretty young social workers who disappeared from her home in New York several weeks ago.

They are acting upon information given by Mrs. Mame Fisher, who positively identified a portrait of Miss McCann as that of the young woman who applied to her for a room several days ago, saying that she was to be operated upon for appendicitis and wished to be near hte office of Dr. G. A. Remington.

Dr. Remington partly identified the portrait as that of a young woman who called at his office but did not return a second time.

FIRE ENDANGERS PLANT.

Creosote at Wood Preserving Plant Ignited by Accident.

Fire on Tesuday endangered the plant of the Pittsburg Wood Preserving Company at Adelaide but was extinguished by the volunteer fire company maintained by that concern before it had done any damage.

Martin Madden was burning rubbish when the fire ignited a stream of creosote which flowed from the wood preserving plant.

For a time the flames burned fiercely and threatened to spread to nearby property, but it was extinguished by the volunteer firemen before damage had been done.

TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Meyersdale Man Inflicts Three Knife Wounds Trying to Reach Heart.

Sam Lomanto, 38 years old, an Italian of near Meyersdale, is in the Western Maryland Hospital, Cumberland, in a serious condition with a knife thrust through the outer covering of the heart, another in the abdomen and a third that opened the pleural cavity. It is alleged the attempted suicide by trying to stab himself in the heart.

He made three plunges with the knife, all aimed for the heart. The alleged suicide attempt followed a big celebration with a number of companions.

SEEK A DESERTER.

Wyant, Wanted by Uncle Sam, Reported as Resident Here.

Circulars have been received here offering $50 reward for the apprehension of Andy Wyant, a deserter from the Eleventh United States Infantry stationed at Texas City, Texas, whose former address was 346 North Arch street, Connellsville, Pa.

According to the information given, Wyant enlisted on August 15, 1913, and served until November 21, when he disappeared. He was a member of the company band with the rank of private. He is said to have a brother, Charles Wyant, at Marshall, Texas.

NIGHT SCHOOLS URGED

Fayette County Teachers Also Get Some Advice on Kissing.

Night schools for the belated ones and those who work, and the school courses in connection with shops were advocated by Dr. Payne Smith of Augusta, Me., at the second day of the Fayette County Teachers' Institute in Uniontown Tuesday. He and Dr George Phillips of West Chester said that the schools should teach the pupils things that will benefit them after in life and not so many of the useless things that have been taught.

Dr. Richard E. Lee in his address on "The Germ Theory of Disease," advised the teachers to start an anti-kissing crusade. He said if there is any one practise that should be discontinued it is the kissing of the little baby. If you must kiss the little baby kiss it on the hand or back, but don't kiss it in the mouth. Former County Superintendent C. G. Lewellyn addressed the teachers this morning.

MISSING WOMAN'S BODY FOUND BELOW FALLS AT OHIOPYLE

That of Mrs. H. Kurtz, Jr., is Seen in the Yough River.

LOCATED IN THE DEEP POOL

Ring on Finger Serves to Identify Body as That of Woman Who Disappeared from Confluence Home on Night of Nov. 16; Coroner Called.

The body of a woman, undoubtedly that of Mrs. Harvey Kurtz, Jr., who disappeared from her home in Confluence on the morning of November 16, was located yesterday in the deep pool of the Yough at the foot of the Ohiopyle falls. Coroner H. J. Belt was immediately notified and will be asked to remove the body, which will not be disturbed until the arrival of Undertaker J. E. Sims from Connellsville, unless it is in danger of being washed away.

The identification was established by the fact that one of the fingers held a ring that Mrs. Kurtz is known to have worn. Word was sent to the husband at Confluence.

The body was seen first by John Burk. Mr. Burk was on the opposite side of the river when he noticed an object floating around in the pool beneath the falls. He organized a searching party, crossed the river, and reached a point sufficiently close to determine that it was a woman's body. Later a better identification was established.

Mrs. Kurtz had been in ill health for some time prior to her disappearance. For a time it was hoped by friends of the family that she had only wandered off, and would be found alive. Reports of weird screams in the hills served to substantiate this belief, but after a few days had elapsed, hope that she would return alive were abandoned.

Mr. Kurtz, the husband, offered a reward for the discovery of the body, but until today all search proved futile.

DO BETTER AT HOME

Pittsburg Shoppers Find Stores Here are Meeting Demand.

The usual rush of holiday shoppers is invading Pittsburg from this section, but most of the Connellsville persons who have gone to the Smoky City to make their purchases say that they were somewhat disappointed over the offerings of stores there.

"I can do better in Connellsville both in selection and price, than in Pittsburg," one woman said, and her holiday purchases cover a wide range, both in variety and price. "The Connellsville stores are offering almost as great a variety of holiday goods as the best of the Pittsburg firms, and the prices are lower if anything. The long trip and the expense it entails isn't worth while this year."

The night trains out of Pittsburg are doing well to points in this section. Every night the late trains on both the Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania and Pittsburg & Lake Erie are carrying many pasengers for Connellsville and nearby points.

LOTS OF TURKEYS

Indications Point to Plentiful Market for Holidays.

That turkeys will be plentiful for Christmas was the prediction of a local dealer Tuesday. Only a few have been shipped so far, but the farmers have them in great quantities and it is predicted that the market will be flooded.

The first shipment into Connellsville came yesterday and 26 cents a pound was asked for live birds. Dressed fowl will run from 30 cents up, but it is predicted that the beginning of the week will see a reduction in price when the birds begin to appear in greater quantities.

Twenty-five cents a pound is asked for dressed chickens. Other fowls are supplied only on special orders.

Gets Bankruptcy Trustee.

SOMERSET, Dec. 16.—Attorney H. Frank Yost was today notified of his appointment as referee in bankruptcy for Somerset county. The county has never had a representative of the federal bankruptcy courts, all applicants for discharge as bankrupts having been given hearings in Johnstown.

New Mercantile Appraiser.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 17.—The county commissioners have announced the appointment of Kirby Miller of Mount Pleasant as the mercantile appraiser for 1914

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SPELLING BEES ARE HELD ON LAST DAY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades Go Visiting and Display Their Prowess With Words.

ENTERTAINMENTS IN AFTERNOON

Christmas Holiday Season is Now at Hand and Studies Will Not be Resumed Until January 5; Teachers Get Their Monthly Pay Checks.

The Connellsville public schools closed on Wednesday for the holiday vacation, which will continue until January 5. The teachers received checks for the month of December and approximately $15,000 was put in circulation for the Christmas season.

Comparatively little school work was done by the various grades, except at the morning session. The afternoon was given over to entertainments of various sorts with the closing time set at 2.30 o'clock.

An innovation in the line of programs was conducted when the higher grade schools visited each other and held old fashioned spelling bees. Section B in the eighth grade, Fourth ward, met the eighth grade on the West Side; No. 5 at South Side was pitted against No. 5 in the Fourth ward building; No. 6 in the Second ward was matched against No. 6 on the West Side; No. 8 on the South Side went to the Fourth ward to meet No. 8 there; No. 7 from the West Side went up against the same grade on the South Side; No. 5 from the South Side met No. 5 in the Fourth ward

The interest in these spelling contests was increased by the preparations made at least a month in advance. Each school put forth extra efforts to become proficient and competition for the honor of representing the schoo was keen

In the eighth grade on the West Side, the scholars had a Christmas stocking from which candies, toys and goodies were distributed. Christmas trees, elaborately decorated adorned the sixth grade room in the Second ward and the fifth grade on the West Side. One big tree in the hall of the South Side building did service for the whole building.

The High School Mandolin Club contributed several numbers to the program of the South Side entertainment Mrs. Waren T. Wakefield sang

The little folks of the Third ward gave a delightful entertainment to parents and friends last night, from which they realized $70 for the purchase of a victrola and records. Fancy drills and dances, folk songs of the nations, recitations and solos made up the program.

NEW USE FOR SEALS

Red Cross Stamps on Visiting Card Serves Holiday Purpose.

An innovation in the way of Christmas cards which is likely to result in increased sales of Red Cross Christmas seals has been adopted by Connellsville women. Instead of buying elaborate and expensive Christmas cards a Red Cross seal is affixed to one corner of an ordinary visiting card and enclosed with Christmas gifts. The effect is pretty and the sender has the satisfaction of knowing that she has aided in the fight against tuberculosis, to the extent of the number of seals purchased as well as of having dispersed holiday cheer.

This is but one of the many uses to which the seals are being put. The recent order of the Postoffice Department allowing them to be affixed to the face of packages sent through the mails has also resulted in increased sales.

"EMMY" OUT AGAIN.

Suffraget is Released from Jail for the Sixth Time.

LONDON, Dec 17.—Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst was released from Holloway jail today under a "cat and mouse" license, for the sixth time since her first incarceration. She has actually served only 25 days of her sentence of three years, though 257 days have elapsed since the sentence was imposed.

Pickets from General Flora Drummond's militant army conducted her to the Militants' headquarters. She will go to Switzerland in a few days to recuperate. She plans to return, however, before Parliament convenes.

TO TAKE DIVORCE TESTIMONY.

Somerset Court Names Master in the Long Action.

SOMERSET, Dec. 16.—Judge Ruppel today named ex-Judge F. J. Kooser as master in the divorce case of Josiah Long against his wife, Nellie Long. He will hear the testimony and pass on the merits of the case.

Long was recently acquitted of the charge of murdering Carl Phillips, an Italian. He alleges that Phillips had improper relations with Mrs. Long.

SEEK STOLEN WIRE.

Washington Run Railroad Officials Say 500 Pounds is Missing.

Officials of the Washington Run railroad have asked the Connellsville police to locate about 500 pounds of copper telephone wire which was stolen from their yards at Layton a few days ago.

It is thought that the robbers will try to get rid of the wire at some junk shop in this section.

Killed by Slate Fall.

Vallat Robos was killed by a fall of slate yesterday in the mines of the Century Coal & Coke Company at Republic.

Masontown Man Dies.

William Lloyd Kendall, 33 years old, died Sunday at his home near Masontown of meningitis.

STOYESTOWN SUICIDE TELLS WIFE TO HAVE ONLY CHEAP FUNERAL.

Nathan Stuhl, 41 years old, a butcher of Stoyestown, committed suicide in his slaughter house Sunday by hanging himself. He left a note to his wife telling her where to buy a lot in the cemetery, but directed her not to pay too much for it.

He also specified that he did not want a drop-lid casket and asked that it be plain

The note said that $155 should be sufficient to pay his funeral expenses.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT, AS FREIGHT HITS MOTOR CAR

Baltimore & Ohio Employes Are Run Down by a Local Train Near Layton.

John Pisalugo, 30 years old, was instantly killed and J. M. Miller and J. H. Piper, all of Layton, were injured when a westbound local freight train struck a motor signal service car on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad near Layton Monday Pisalugo was crushed to death. He was a track walker. Miller, who is a signal repairman, suffered a sprained back and shoulder. Piper, also a signal repairman, was scratched and bruised.

The motor car was going east on the eastbound track and near Layton picked up the track walker. A few minutes later the freight train which had been shifting at Layton approached on the same track and before the men could remove the motor car from the tracks the freight train struck it

YOUNG WIFE DIES

Complications Following Birth of Son Fatal to Snydertown Woman.

Mrs. Lena Carrie Helms, 20 years old, wife of Arthur Helms, died at 10 30 o'clock on Tuesday at her home at Snydertown. Inflammation following the birth of a son, Roy, on November 20, was the cause. Mrs. Helms was getting along nicely until Saturday when inflammation developed. The body will be removed by Funeral Director J. L. Stader to the home of the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs Peter Rider on Baldwin avenue, from which place the funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Helms was born in Connellsville, and spent virtually all her life here. In addition to her husband and two children, Roy and Emma Helms, she is survived by her parents one brother Harry Rider and the following sisters Florence, Gertrude Viola and Maude Rider, all at home.

HUG IS COSTLY

Ridenour Declares Mrs. Sidebottom Swiped $25 During an Embrace.

Twenty-five dollars is more than Alonzo Ridenour likes to pay for a hug, so he had Mrs. John Sidebottom arrested on a charge of larceny alleging that she embraced him and removed that sum from his person while doing it. After a hearing before Squire Lawrence Donegan, the defendant was held under bail for court. She spent the night in the lockup and was released temporarily this morning to hunt bail

According to the story told at the hearing, the prosecutor was held up by the defendant on the West Side and robbed while in her fond embrace. He discovered his loss soon afterward and swore out a warrant for her arrest Constable Matthew Monohan made the arrest.

LONG SEPARATION ENDS

Brother and Sister Separated 18 Years Lived Only 25 Miles Apart.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Although they lived only 25 miles apart, Mrs. Omo Moore Camp of this city and Harry Moore of Wallace, brother and sister, have during the 18 years of their separation been searching for each other in vain. The search culminated in their reunion in this city.

Each thought the other dead until a few days ago, when the authorities of Middlebourne began to look up the heirs to an estate there. They found both and turned over to each a small fortune.

When separated the sister was only seven years old and the brother nine. They were taken by different families after the death of their parents.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET.

Three Hundred in County Hold Their Annual Convention.

About 300 school directors from all over Fayette county are attending the eighteenth annual convention of the Fayette County School Directors Association, which opened Wednesday in the Municipal building, Uniontown. C. B. Franks of Lemont is presiding.

Dr. Payson Smith of Augusta, Me., who has adressed the teachers' institute at the three days' session which have been held will address the directors this afternoon.

INSTITUTES CLOSE

Final Sessions are Held for Farmers at Perryopolis.

The last of a series of farmers' institutes held under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture came to a close Tuesday in the High School Auditorium at Perryopolis.

The institutes were pronounced by the farmers as the best ever held. The institute instructors were among the best ever sent out by the department, and able and instructive talks of interest to the farmers were given at all the sessions

Bounty on Fox Hides.

Inquiries have come to local justices' offices as to the bounty on foxes, several of which have been killed in Connellsville township in the last month. The county pays $2 for each hide delivered to the proper agents.

SCHOOL PROFESSION PAID HALF MILLION A YEAR IN COUNTY

This Sum is Expended Annually to the Teachers Alone.

CONNELLSVILLE'S BIG SHARE

Forty-Three Men and Women Living in Town are Employed as Teachers by Other Districts; They are Paid Approximately $20,000 Every Year.

To what proportions the school teaching profession has attained in Fayette county is shown by statistics compiled from the Fayette County School Annual, recently issued by County Superintendent J. S. Carroll. Roughly estimated about $18,000 is paid out monthly by township and borough school boards to teachers employed in the public schools. Adding to this $15,000 for Connellsville and Uniontown, which are not under the jurisdiction of the county, the total paid out in the county is about $63,000 or approximately $500,000 during an eight-month term.

A half million dollars in teachers salaries alone is but one of the items in the educational budget in connection with the public schools. Janitors' salaries, cost of books, fuel, light and miscellaneous expenses would make the total expended in a year a great deal higher

Dunbar township, which employs 78 teachers has a monthly payroll for teachers of about $7,000 North Union is second in point of numbers, employing 64; German has 52; Georges 48, Redstone 49; South Union 32; and Luzerne 31 Uniontown has 30 regular teachers and Connellsville has 71 Markleysburg, with only one teacher and Wharton township, an independent district with but a single teacher, vie with each other for the honor of being the smallest in the county The former has 42 pupils enrolled and the latter but 19

There are 29,654 school children between the ages of 6 and 16, in the township and borough schools, and the amount of claims for state appropriation under the minimum salary act of May 18, 1911, is $12,407.50.

There are 43 men and women claiming Connellsville as their residence teaching in the various towns and township schools bringing into the town about $3,600 monthly or $20,800 for an eight month term. This is a considerable item and contributes much to local prosperity.

A majority of these teachers received their preliminary training in the Connellsville public schools and were graduated from the High School. Many of them are also normal school graduates or have taken special college work.

Among those listed are the following: Dunbar Lulu Shaw, Lulu Carroll Vanderbilt Elizabeth Burkholder, Mary Fornwalt Ruth Miller; Brownsville, Myrtle Mowry. Connellsville township, O. P. Meyer, Pearl Morse, Minerva Kefner, Minnie Murray, Olive Bloom Dunbar township R. E. Cope, J. C. Grossman, Florence Everhart, Mary Kern, Mabel Baker, Agnes Smith, Margaret Harrigan Elizabeth Hess, Nan Patterson, Bertha Henry, Christine Geisler, Elsie Barkholder, Mabel White, Sample Cochran, Rose Huey, Loretta Laffey, Jane Ray, Samuel Jones, Kathryn O'Connor, Lucille Wolfe Kathryn Kelley, Myrtle White Emma Menzer, Grace Robinson, Laura O'Connor Marie Johnson Sarah Rubin; Franklin township, Blanche Strawn, Anna H. Leib, Menalten Etta G. Barnhart, Redstone Edwina Stump Springfield Laura C. Engle North Union Margaret Laffey J. M. Keffer.

CHANGE IN FACULTY

Weeter, of High School, Considers a College Job.

Another change in the faculty of the High School will likely be made after the holiday vacation. Prof. Harry M. Weeter, teacher of chemistry, has received an offer to teach in the University of Illinois and he will probably accept

As this change in position would take Mr. Weeter out of Pennsylvania the School Board could not hold him to his contract, even if it desired to do so. Mr Weeter came here at the beginning of the 1912 term.

If this change eventuates it will be the second since the opening of the schools in September, Miss Lila Charnley having resigned as head of the Commercial Department to become the bride of Alexander C. Young, of Big Rapids, Michigan This vacancy was only filled a week ago when Miss Elsie Weihe was chosen to succeed Miss Helen Carroll who was advanced to Miss Charnley's position

PROMINENT LAWYER DIES.

A. H. Rowand of Pittsburg Also Had Distinguished War Record.

Attorney Archibald Hamilton Rowand, a Civil War veteran and one of the best known residents of Pittsburg died Monday afternoon at the Homeopathic Hospital, Pittsburg, following an operation He served with distinction under General Philip H. Sheridan.

The surviving children are Mrs. O. L. Eaton of Connellsville, Mrs. Delano C. Thomas Harry H. Rowand and Arch S. Rowan of Pittsburg. His widow also survives.

Rainey Office is Robbed.

The office of the W. J. Rainey store at Royal was looted by robbers Sunday night and escaped with money from pay envelopes amounting to $500.

First Principal on Hand.

A. T. Fleming of Greensburg, the first principal of the Scottdale borough schools following its incorporation into a borough, attended the teachers' institute in Greensburg.

12 HURT WHEN WEST PENN CAR GOES OVER STEEP EMBANKMENT

Crashes Through Bumpers at End of Dickerson Run Line.

LAND AGAINST CONCRETE PIERS

Motorman Loses Control on Steep Hill and Passengers Have Miraculous Escape from Death; Pittsburg & Lake Erie Brings Victims Here.

Twelve passengers are hurt when a West Penn trolley car crashed through a bumping block and went over a 20-foot embankment at Dickerson Run about 4.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. None of the injured is in a serious condition.

THE INJURED.

MRS. BENJAMIN McMANUS, Dawson, head cut and body bruised.
ROSE ROSCO, Dawson, contusions of back; South Side Hospital.
MRS. ANNA MORROW, Vanderbilt, scalp wounds; South Side Hospital.
OTIS PORTER, Vanderbilt, foot cut, South Side Hospital.
MRS. GRACE SMITH, Star Junction, bruises of head, face and right knee; Cottage State Hospital.
ALPHA FRENCH, Dickerson Run, slight cuts.
MRS. HARRY HAHN, Dawson, cut about head.
BLANCHE NEWELL, Dawson, slight cuts on body.
GEORGE MOORE, Dawson, cuts from flying glass.
ELMER CRAMER, Connellsville, nose broken and body injuries.
L. S. MELLINGER, Dawson, leg injured, face scratched.
MRS. W. E. BURSON, Connellsville, three ribs broken, cuts about face.

The accident occurred at the Dickerson Run terminal of the Vanderbilt branch. Car No. 224, in charge of Motorman Elmer Cramer and Conductor Charles Calvert, which left Connellsville at 4 o'clock, got beyond the control of the motorman when two pole-lengths from the end of the line. Running at moderate speed such as should have been quickly controlled by the magnetic brakes, Cramer was forced to use the hand brake and before he could get it working the car struck the bumping block and plunged down the bank.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad has constructed a concrete culvert at this point to carry the water of Dickerson run and a depression probably 100 feet long and 20 feet deep is waiting to be filled in. Into this the car plunged.

There were only 11 passengers on the car when the accident occurred. A large number had gotten off at the various stops along the route and the remainder were preparing to alight. Some had already arisen and were in the aisle walking toward the rear platform. These escaped with slight bruises. So far as is known only 11 were injured to any great extent and none of these is serious. One end of the car was completely demolished and it will have to be entirely rebuilt.

As the car crashed through the bumping block it continued forward almost in a straight line, clearing the two concrete projections on the culvert. Then when it came to a stop it careened toward the left and came to rest against the culvert. The left side was crushed through near the front but the rear portion remained almost intact. Mrs. McManus was seated on the left hand side two or three seats from the front just at the point where the car was caved in. That she escaped serious injury or death is a miracle.

Motorman Elmer Cramer was thrown from his place on the front platform as the car went over the bank. He rolled down the bank and fell against the body of the car. Conductor Charles Calvert was tossed toward the front of the car landing on one of the long side seats in the smoking end. He escaped serious injuries, although he was painfully bruised.

Miss Morrow was carrying her little nephew, George Smith. The baby came out unhurt and was picked up under the car, apparently enjoying the strange experience. Its mother, Mrs. Smith, was taken to the Cottage State Hospital for treatment of bruises of he head, face and body.

The crash was heard by railroad men at work a short distance away and a number of them hastened to the assistance of the pasengers. All of the women were screaming and it appeared for a time that several of them were fatally hurt. However, all were able to extricate themselves and clamber up the bank. Dr. J. F. Cogan and Dr. H. J. Bell of Dawson were summoned imemdiately. They treated the more severely injured and conveyed the women to the local hospitals in automobiles. An engine and caboose of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad were utilized to take the injured men and women to Connellsville where they were met by the ambulance and automobiles to convey them to the hospitals.

Mrs. W. E. Burson of South Connellsville suffered several fractured ribs, a painful injury to her knee and several cuts on the face. On learning of the accident Mr. Burson secured an automobile and hurried to the scene of the wreck. Mrs. Burson was removed to her home where she will be confined for some time.

THOUSANDS AT CHURCH.

"Attendance Sunday" Proves a Big Success for All Denominations.

"Church Attendance Sunday" was a big success with all denominations. Reports on the attendance at the morning services estimated that 3,000 were at the various Protestant churches and 4,000 at services in the Catholic churches. In the evening the attendance was much larger than usual and in some churches it was greater than that of the morning.

The result of the "Church Attendance Sunday" campaign was entirely satisfactory to the ministers and steps will be taken to bring out better attendance during succeeding Sundays.

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WELL-KNOWN MEN, IN SAME FAMILY, DIE WITHIN TWO DAYS

Robert Francis, Veteran Westinghouse Man, and Moses Collins, Both Succumb.

Within two days death summoned Robert Francis, brother of Mrs. George Ghrist of East Green street, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Ghrist, Moses Hamilton Collins of Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Francis died Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock at the Ghrist residence where he had been for the past six weeks. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Francis was born and reared in Connellsville and would have been 53 years old on December 23. He was a son of Rev. Isaac W. and Barbara Richey Francis, who were among the oldest and best known residents of Connellsville at their time. His father was pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Connellsville at the time of his death. Mr. Francis never married. He was a veteran employe of the Westinghouse airbrake plant at Wilmerding, having been employed there for the past 21 years. He has a wide connection of relatives in and around Connellsville. In addition to Mrs. Ghrist he is survived by the following sisters, Mrs. Alice Connell of McKeesport; Mrs. M. H. Collins of Huntsville, Ala., and Mrs. J. W. Ghrist of Connellsville.

Moses Hampton Collins, 60 years, a postmaster at Connellsville for eight years, died Saturday at his home in Huntsville, Ala., following a lingering illness. He spent some time in California for the benefit of his health. Mr. Collins was born on the Patterson farm in Dunbar township. His father Moses Collins a Baltimore & Ohio mail clerk was burned to death in a wreck. He married Miss Etta Francis of Connellsville and for some time has been a resident of Huntsville. In addition to his widow he is survived by the following children Miss Gertrude Collins at home; Myrtle, wife of Frank Ghrist, of Pittsburg, and Gail Collins of Huntsville. One sister, Mrs. W. S. Yard of the West Side also survives.

HUGHES ACQUITTED

Court Upholds Plea of Self Defense That Negro Makes.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 13.—For the third time during this term of criminal court, the court directed the verdict in a murder case, when Judge Van Swearingen instructed the jury to find Matthew Hughes not guilty of killing Henry Jackson, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon after both sides had submitted their evidence.

Judge Van Swearingen stated that under the circumstances no other verdict could be rendered. It was a clear case of self defense, he said.

Hughes took the stand in his own defense and told practically the same story as the witnesses for the commonwealth. It was his life or Jackson's, he declared. He said that he had always feared Jackson and estimated that at least 100 persons in Uniontown had been threatened by him.

After being discharged, Hughes packed his belongings and departed for his home, declaring that he would never return to Coon Hollow as long as he lived.

HAVE WESTERN FEVER

Pittsburg Authorities Have a Time With Adventurous Boys.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 12.—Pittsburg authorities today are coping frantically with a serious and widespread epidemic of what they call "western fever." It has gripped the juveniles of th Smoky City with unprecedented virulency and severity, and scarcely a day has passed for three months that two or three juveniles afflicted with the "disease" have have not been placed "in quarantine" following the applicaton of medicine in the shape of father's slipper or a birch switch.

Two of the most dead-set cases recently were Paul Patrovil, aged 7, and John Coluiz aged 5. Paul and John, with large butcher knives in their belts appeared at the ticket window of a local depot and demanded $9.50 worth of transportation westward. The police were called and John and Paul were taken back home. They had been given a commission to purchase groceries and bring back the chage, but had decided on a life of adventure.

WAR VETERA DIES

Bernard Keenan, 76 years old, a Victim of Apoplexy

Francis Bernard Keenan, 76 years old, a veteran of the Civil War died suddenly of apoplexy Saturday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Mae McCusker on North Third street West Side. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment in St. Aloysius cemetery a Dunbar.

Mr. Keenan was born in Ireland and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keenan. He came to this country fifty-five years ago and for a number of years resided in Dunbar. He enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War in New York and served throughout the war. He resided at Morrell at one time.

For some time Mr. Keenan had made his home among his children. Thomas Keenan of the West Side. Mrs. Katherine White and Mrs. McCusker are the surviving children.

MRS. STERLING DIES

One of Oldest Residents of Fayette County Passes Away.

Mrs. Elizabeth Debolt Sterling, 87 years old, one of the oldest residents of Fayette county, died on Friday at her home at Masontown. Funeral Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Church of the Brethren at Masontown.

Deceased married John Sterling of German township at the age of 18 years. The surviving children are: E. W. Sterling of Masontown, Charity, wife of Professor Hordle of Masontown, Miss Mary Sterling, at home, Belle, wife of George Honsaker of Masontown, Mrs. Jacob Provins of Greensboro, A. J. Sterling of West Masontown, and John B. Sterling of near Masontown.

BRIDE OF A MONTH BICHLORIDE VICTIM; LINGERS ONE WEEK

Mrs. Sue Christopher Takes Tablet by Mistake in Darkness.

THOUGHT SHE WOULD RECOVER

Improvement So Marked that Husband Starts on Road, Believing Her Out of Danger; Reaction Follows and She Dies; Conscious to Last

While on a visit to her parents, Mrs. Sue Christopher of Morgantown, died Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kissner on McCormick avenue, South Connellsville, as the result of having swallowed a bichloride of mercury tablet. Mrs. Christopher was on her first visit to her parents since her marriage in Morgantown on November 7, last. She came here about two weeks ago and on last Saturday a week ago her husband came to spend several days with his wife.

Last Sunday night, a week ago, the family was up until midnight when they partook of a lunch. About 4 o'clock on the following morning Mrs. Christopher, feeling ill, got up to take some medicine. She reached for a box in a drawer in a stand in her bedroom, and by mistake got a box of bichloride of mercury tablets. She swallowed one of them which contained 7.2 grains of poison. It was dark but she immediately became aware that she had taken the wrong medicine and called her husband. Christopher gave his wife the white of an egg as an antidote and immediately summoned Dr. W. J. Churchill, who gave the young woman an emetic. She was apparently on the road to recovery and on Tuesday night her husband, who is a traveling salesman, left for his headquarters at Charleston, W. Va. Wednesday Mrs. Christopher suffered a relapse and since then no hope was entertained for her recovery. She was conscious until the last.

Mrs. Christopher was 21 years old and was born at Broad Ford. The family moved to Connellsville and 14 years ago moved to South Connellsville. Mrs Christopher was an operator in the office of the Tri-State Telephone Company in Connellsville for several years and was widely known. About five years ago she went to Morgantown and since then had resided with her sister, Mrs. Marie Hilliard. In addition to her parents and Mrs. Hilliard, a sister, Mrs. Grace Hunter of Pittsburg, survives. Funeral from the Kissner home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. E. B. Burgess of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Reverend Conway officiated. Interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

GAMBLE IN CHURCH LOBBY

Police Catch Youths Playing Crap at the Colonial Theatre.

Patrolmen Barnes and Francis broke up a crap game in the lobby of the Colonial Theatre on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and arrested four youths. They subsequently left forfeits totalling $20 and were released to appear for a hearing before the mayor this morning, but failed to show up.

Numerous complaints have been received by the police of this practice but they were never able to catch the boys at it until yesterday. The Presbyterian congregation, which is holding services in the theatre until its new church is erected has been annoyed on numerous occasions.

Mayor Marietta directed Chief of Police Rotther to ascertain who is the janitor of the building and instruct him to break up the practice in the future or suffer the consequences.

IS GRANDMOTHER AT 32

Massachusetts Woman Opposes Early Weddings.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Mrs. John T. Russell of Malden, who has just passed her thirty-second birthday and is probably the youngest grandmother in Massachusetts, criticises the early marriage law which allows persons under 25 years of age to marry. "It is a sin," says Mrs. Russell, "to allow children to enter into the bonds of marriage when they are distinctly incompetent to raise children."

Mrs Russell became a grandmother 14 months ago, when her son, John Russell, although only 17 years old, became a father. The son was married when only 15 years old. Mrs. Russell was married when she was 16 years old. There are four generations in the Russell family, both the father and mother of Mrs. Russell being alive.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED.

Court Sustains $18,000 Verdict for W. W. Laughead.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 15.—The court today refused a new trial for Walter W. Laughead in his suit against Mrs. Elizabeth Moore of Greensburg in which he received a verdict of $18,375 as commission on the purchase of coal land made by Mrs. Moore.

The court holds that the verdict of the jury did not warrant a new trial, and that the reasons offered by the plaintiff were not sufficient to overturn it.

It is expected that the case will go to the higher courts because of the great amount of money involved.

Farmers' Year Near Close.

Saturday will mark the closing of a very successful year of the Union Farmers' Club of Fayette county. The meeting will be held at the home of W. B. Swearingen near Uniontown. The annual election of officers will take place. The Union Farmers' Club is one of the strongest organizations of farmers in Western Pennsylvania. Robert Junk who on February 12 will celebrate his 96th birthday, is a charter member of the club.

PICKPOCKET BUSY HERE AND LOST POCKETBOOKS SOUGHT

South Connellsville School Director Loses His Wad, as Do Some Others.

On the rather fruitless trail of a pocketbook containing $25 or more, which he claims was removed from his pocket by pickpockets, B. F. Johns, a school director of South Connellsville, was in town on Monday enlisting the police in the search.

Mr. Johns says that the money was stolen from his hip pocket while he was riding on the 11 o'clock South Connellsville car on Saturday morning. Several strange men jostled him, he says, and when he alighted from the car, his pocketbook was gone. The feat was accomplished rather easily for he was carrying a bundle containing several blankets purchased at a local department store and was not thinking of his money. The purse contained between $25 and $30.

On the next car another resident of Connellsville is reported to have been robbed of a purse containing $5 or $6, and reports came to the police yesterday of operations by these light-fingered fellows on a Leisenring car on Saturday night. The extent of their gleanings, however, is not known.

The police believe that the pickpockets landed in town and after reaping a neat little harvest departed for other fields where the picking is more profitable.

APPLES FROM DOUGLAS

Former Ticket Agent Here Sends Samples of Washington Fruit.

W. N. Leche has received a box of "Home Beauty" apples from H. L. Douglass, formerly ticket agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad here, but now the owner of a fruit ranch at Wenatchee, Washington. The apples were grown on three-year-old trees, and though Mr. Douglass says they are only ordinary specimens, they are much larger than anything grown in the East. They have been distributed to his friends here.

Mr. Douglass keeps in touch with Connellsville affairs through The Courier and is watching with interest the progress of the city government. He is much pleased with his new home, however, and declares that it is "the" country for fruit growing.

EGGFIVE YEARS IN STORAGE

Man Gets One With Girl's Name, Finds Her Married.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Dec. 13.—The authentic story of an egg that after five years spent in cold storage reached the consumer, has been brought to light here. John T. Sweeney of 172 East Ninety-fourth street, New York, who purchased the egg recently and found the name of Clara Baker written on the shell, wrote to her.

Clara Baker now the wife of John Wright of Bellefontaine, was employed in a grocery store before her marriage four years ago last July and recalls having written her name on the egg as it was being packed for shipment, about six months before her marriage.

SEEKS NEW DUMP.

Street Commissioner Told to Quit Using B. & O. Property.

Mayor Mariet a summarily ordered the teamsters of the highway department to stop dumping the refuse from the streets on the Baltimore & Ohio property north of town. He claims that the residents have been complaining that the winds blow the paper about scattering it over their properties and causing much annoyance.

Highway Commissioner Stauffer and the mayor had a consultation on Monday as a result a new dumping place will be sought. There are several in prospect, but the great distance from town is a serious drawback to them.

GUN EXPLODES.

Hunter's Hand Is Badly Injured in an Accident.

While hunting on Friday morning James Gosnell of Uniontown, sustained serious injuries to his left hand when his double-barrelled shotgun burst near the breech. Dr. S. P. Brinker attended the injured man and dressed his wounds which are very painful.

Young Gosnell is unable to explain why the gun would explode, as it is equipped with 3-ply Damascus barrels, which are supposed to be the strongest steel extant, and the gun itself is practically new. The charges used were of the ordinary strength.

STIFF SENTENCE IMPOSED.

Court Fines Sapolsky $500, With Two Years in Workhouse.

Louis Sapolsky, a junk dealer of Connellsville was sent to the workhouse for two years, fined $500 and ordered to pay the costs of his trial after having been found guilty of receiving stolen goods yesterday.

Judge Van Swearingen stated that if the fine was paid within ten days it would act favorably in consideration of a pardon later.

LEAPS TO DEATH AFTER HAT.

Motorist Springs From Moving Car and Breaks Neck.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 15.—While riding in an automobile between Crabtree and Greensburg on the state road at noon yesterday, Paul Sporit's hat blew off. He jumped from the machine before it came to a stop and received a fractured skull and a broken neck, dying instantly.

Sporit was 27 years old and lived in Crabtree.

Supervisors Bring Suit.

The supervisors of Bullskin township have brought suit against the West Penn to recover $971.36, the amount of a verdict obtained by Kelly Means for injuries along a public road. The West Penn failed to carry out an agreement to fence the road it is claimed.

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COMMERCE CHAMBER CUTS ITS EXPENSES; SCHOOLEY DEPOSED

John M. Robinson, New Secretary, Will Get Small Salary.

PRESENT COSTS ARE TOO HIGH

"Young Blood" Directors Hold That the Organization Has Been Run on Unprofitable Lines in the Past and Propose to Save Members Money.

At a meeting of the new board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, a resolution passed dispensing with the services of Secretary E. A. Schooley, and John M. Robinson, of Robinson & Coughenour, was elected to succeed him at a salary of $25 a month.

The change is effective immediately but Mr. Schooley will remain in office for a few days to complete his minutes and put his books and records in proper shape to turn over to his successor. Mr Robinson has been elected for no stated term, continuing from month to month as the board sees fit. He will devote only part of his time to the office.

For the present, the quarters in the First National Bank and the stenographer will be retained; but it is expected that within a short time the new city council will provide quarters for the chamber in the city hall. Another meeting of the board will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss plans for the year's activities.

The action in dispensing with the services of a regular secretary has been contemplated since the new board took office, but official action did not come until yesterday. It is the belief of the new directors that the association has been run too expensively in the past for the results accomplished. A curtailment of expenses and more energetic effort along old and new lines is contemplated.

EPIDEMIC OF PETTY THEFTS CAUSES ALARM AMONG WOMEN

One of Them Says Marauders Usually Make Their Visits Around Paydays.

The reported robberies and attempts at robberies in the past few months have served to create a kind of reign of terror for the women of town, especially those who live in the outskirts where the residences are widely separated.

"I wish the newspapers wouldn't publish when the railroad paydays are," said one women this morning. "I'm sure there are more attempt at robberies within a few days of payday than at other times during the month. The burglars know we have a good deal of money in our homes at that time and they come after it."

The feeling of uneasiness on the part of the women contributes itself to the whole household and the least unusual noise is attributed to some one trying to enter the house. The police are usually prompt to respond to a call, but many of them are false alarms, and in other cases the intruders have been frightened away long before they arrive.

J. H. P. WHARTON DEAD

Former Connellsville Resident Succumbs at Easton, Md.

John Harding Page Wharton, 44 years old, a former Connellsville resident, is dead at his home in Easton, Md. Mr. Wharton was a son of Mr and Mrs. Clifton Wharton who resided on the West Side for a number of years. He was born in Pittsburg and was formerly connected with the Republic Iron & Steel Company in Pittsburg.

In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Clifton, Jr., of Plainfield, N. J., Odenn H., of Pittsburg, Franklin of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. James B. Strawbridge of West Buxbury, Mass., Miss Sidney Wharton of Easton, and Mrs. Roger Knox of Pittsburg.

Funeral services were held on Monday from the residence of William A. Howard in Pittsburg. Interment was private.

BOYCOTT THE GIRLS

Swains Seek Revenge Because They are Dubbed "Slow."

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 16.—An anti-sweetheart band has been organized recently by young men of Summit Mills because the girls said the boys were "slow." The movement grew out of a quarrel among several girls and boys. The maidens told the boys the latter were too "slow" to suit them and the boys forthwith organized a club, the only rule of which is that a member shall not "have a girl."

Now the girls have organized, and even the older folks are taking sides. The girls ignore the boys of the village entirely. It is believed the boycott will be shortlived, as a number of young men from neighboring towns are paying frequent visits and there are frequent clashes between them and the Summit Mills boys.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

State Road Foreman Blown to Pieces by Stick of Dynamite.

Gleason Gigiorno, foreman on the state road between Fayette City and Brownsville, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a stick of dynamite which he carelessly tossed into a hole late Friday afternoon.

The force of the explosion dismembered his body, yet he lived for a few minutes. Coroner Bell will make an investigation.

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THE COURIER NOW A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Will Receive Daily Telegraph Service of World's Greatest Newsgathering Organization; Begins Next Month.

The Courier takes particular pleasure in announcing to its readers that it is now a member of the Associated Press, the greatest newsgathering organization in the world. This paper was elected to membership some weeks ago, but announcement was withheld for the reason that the new service will not be inaugurated until January 17, at the expiration of an existing contract with the United Press. After that date The Courier will supply its readers with Associated Press news.

The Courier was the first paper in Southwestern Pennsylvania to be elected a member of the Associated Press, with the exception of the Pittsburg dailies, and is the only newspaper within a 60-mile radius of Pittsburg that will receive the report.

The Associated Press is a co-operative organization. It handles nothing but news, and in serving papers of different policies its report is at all times unbiased. Its reputation for accuracy is nation-wide, and its statements are accepted as authority.

Serving its readers with the Associated Press report is a master stroke of local journalism. Although its present telegraph service is superior to that of any other organization now serving news in Fayette county, the management of The Courier felt that it could be improved upon, and to this end the membership in the Associated Press was sought. The Courier was elected a member some weeks ago and arrangements are now under way for beginning the service early next month.

The report which The Courier will receive through the Associated Press will be of much greater length than that it now receives.

PENNSY PASSENGER TRAIN HITS FREIGHT AT EVERSON

Pittsburg Passengers Delayed Nearly an Hour as Result of Collision; No One Hurt.

The northbound Pennsylvania passenger train due at Scottdale at 9.43 A. M. crashed into a Baltimore & Ohio freight train at the crossing in Everson Monday morning. No one was hurt but it was necessary to get another engine to haul the Pennsy train.

The accident is believed to have been caused by slippery rails. Before the passenger train could be brought to a stop it crashed into the freight train which had the crossing blocked. The air reservoir on the passenger locomotive was torn off and it was otherwise damaged.

Another engine was sent from Youngwood, the wreckage quickly cleared and the passenger train was able to resume its trip after a delay of something less than an hour. The passengers were given a severe shaking up, although the train was going at slow speed when it hit the freight.

XMAS CHECKS MAILED

Yough Trust Company Pays Out More Than $66,000.

Over $66,000 was distributed to 2,897 members of the Yough Trust Company's Christmas Savings Club Monday.

Two-thirds of the members that enrolled last December kept their weekly payments up and received the full amount in the class in which they were enrolled together with the interest. The remainder received just what they paid in.

Payments for the 1914 club will be begun on December 29 and the registry books will be opened within the next few weeks. A different system will be adopted next year. Instead of the coupon plan, each member will be provided with a card and as the payments are made the amount will be punched.

Dies at Coolspring.

W. H. Martin, 66 years old, died on Monday at his home at Coolspring.

MAKE THEIR LITTLE HEARTS GLAD

Let the Christmas season be bright and jolly for the Children.
Get them all the toys and picture books, sleds, skates, etc. that your means will allow, not forgetting a liberal supply of Candy—
But, as you value their future happiness, don't omit bank books from your list of presents.
A savings account, which can be opened with this bank with $1, is a gift that every child in Connellsville should have—an object lesson in thrift and economy—the foundation upon which lasting happiness is built.
4% INTEREST.

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129 W. Main Street, Connellsville, Pa.
Our Foreign Department sends Xmas Money anywhere in the world, promptly and safely.

GIVE BANK ACCOUNTS

Give the Children Savings accounts—
Give the wife a Checking account—
Gifts that are no trouble to obtain, but are sure to please the recipients—
Savings Accounts may be opened with this old reliable bank with $1—4% compound interest—
Checking Accounts are always welcome, no matter how small—

Bank Books intended for Xmas gifts will be enclosed in a suitable Holiday wrapping and delivered by us on Christmas morning, if you wish.

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"Where Helpful Service is Assured."
Capital $200,000. Resources $1,080,000
Connellsville, Pa.

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We wish our patrons and friends a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and thank them for their liberal patronage.
Checking accounts are cordially invited.
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BAD WEATHER CAUSE OF LOW ATTENDANCE IN DUNBAR SCHOOLS

Absentees in the Primary Grades Cause Average to Fall.

REPORT FOR THE THIRD MONTH

Total Enrollment for Month Reached 318, With an Average of 288. Percentage of Attendance Recorded is 93; Room No. 6 in the Lead.

The third month of the Dunbar borough schools closed with a total enrollment of 318, average attendance 288, percentage of attendance 93. Present every day 126. The severe weather during the month lowered the attendance, especially in the age of 99. Medical inspection is beprimary grades. Room No 6 Miss Shaw teacher made the best percenting carried on by Doctor Junk of Connellsville. The report in detail follows:

Room No. 8, A. C Gwynne principal. Enrollment 9 average attendance 9, per cent of attendance 97. Present every day Sarah Preece Sarah Anderson Jane Wood Daniel Baker, Jennie Silverman. Class leaders Sarah Prece Jane Wood and Sarah Belle Anderson.

Room No. 7 James O Stewart, teacher. Enrollment 19, average attendance 19 percentage of attendance 96. Class leaders of freshman class, Emma Foltz, Frederick George Rachel Semans. Junior class Earl Moyer Ralph Gibson and Margaret Baker. Present every day Earl Moyer, Ralph Gibson Frederick George Clark, Miller Boyd Warne Margaret Baker Emma Foltz, Ruth McQuiggan Gertrude Nemon Rachel Semans.

Room No 6 Lulu Shaw teacher. Enrollment 20 average attendance 19 percentage 99. Perfect in attendance, Dale Bryson Paul Hostetler Walter Rechenberg Daniel Hair, Charles Wortman Bertha Cribbs, Margaret Moore, Elma Groschen Jessie Martin Alice Zelley Lillian Silverman Margaret McDowell, Della Baker Margaret Hair. Class leaders, Lillian Silverman Bertha Cribbs Elma Groschen Beatrice Devan.

Room No 5 Pearl Eicher teacher. Enrollment 35 average attendance 32, percentage of attendance 93. Class leaders, Grade seventh, Henry Donner Helen Vetter. Grade six George Cooper Anna Misko. Perfect attendance Elizabeth Warne Helen Vetter Maude Hay Edgar Holsing Harold Smith George Groschen Frank Demotto Paul Speight Joseph Bartlett, Jean George George Raupach, Angelo Bufano Bernard McFarland.

Room No 4, Etta Baker teacher. Enrollment 41, average attendance 38 percentage of attendance 93. Class leaders A Class, Evelyn Young Paul Speer Theodore Greene Robert Crow, Ethel Moyer. Class B leader, David McFarland Emile Groschen Sarah Jacobs. Perfect in attendance, James McQuiggan Paul Speer Paul Riley Charles Miller, Clyde Holsing, Walter Wilson, Tony Ruse Warne, William Bidlow Lloyd Baker, George Bartlett Emile Groschen James Hair John Martin David McFarland Carl Frost McKinley McManus, Pauline Groff Virginia Ellenberger Ethel Moyer Sarah Jacobs Eleanor Smith Ethel Wilhelm

Room No 3 Agnes Nemon teacher. Enrollment 44 average attendance 39 per cent of attendance 91. Present every day Mary Saylor Gertrude Silverman Grace Cribbs Eleanor Groff Homer Bell John Dunaway William Gladden David Long Ralph Moyer Donald Wilson Harold Wortman Joseph George Wallace Hair Edwin Wortman. Class leaders A class William Gladden Mary Saylor Gertrude Silverman Mary Herron. B class Marie Green Eleanor Groff William Duncan Frank McFarland.

Grades Nos 2 and 3 Elizabeth Ferren teacher. Enrollment 49, average attendance 45 per cent of attendance 91. Second grade class leaders, Elizabeth Rechenberg Albert Bufano. Third grade class leaders Irene Gilpin Florence Hair Wilbur Anderson, William Baker. Perfect attendance Nellie Gilmore Ruth Riley, Ida DeMot Margaret Anderson Vermena George Elsie Forman Adele Scott Irene Gilpin Edna Charlesworth Gertrude Gilmore Josephine Lizsa Albert Bufano Wilbur Anderson William Baker Gustave Raupach Henry Raupach William Stettler Walter McMannus Ewing Marietta Hayward Stettler Edgar Gwynne Alphonse Mechanti William Martin.

Room No 1 grades 1 and 2 Lulu B Carroll teacher. Number in attendance 51 average attendance 44 per cent of attendance 93. Class leaders second grade Ethel Bell Charles Demott Cecil Stutler. Class leaders first grade Madeline aWrne Elizabeth Clark Adrian Moyer. Perfect attendance Elizabeth Clark Olive Forman Ruth Gladden Lidia Mechanta Lena George Regis Barrett Thomas Charlesworth Charles Demott, Adrian Moyer Patrick Mannio, Alex Polygus Ralph Riley Cecil Stutler Foster Savage Joe Eidlow.

Room No 1, Frame Alice McElhaney teacher. Total enrollment 50 average attendance 47 per cent of attendance 86. Names of pupils perfect in attendance Earl Moore Harry Moore, Joe Baker John Misko.

HEALTH BOARDS RIPPED

All Boroughs Must Reorganize These Departments Quickly

Under a law passed at the last session of the Legislature, all borough councils will be required to reorganize their boards of health by the appointment of five members instead of six.

The new law requires that at least one member be a reputable physician of at least two years experience. Terms will be for five years but of the first board, one member each is to be appointed for one two three and four years, and one for five

BABY OVERTURNS A RED HOT STOVE; DIES OF ITS BURNS

Distressing Accident in Home of Tarr Foreigner Results in a Fatality

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 12—Overturning a red hot coal stove and being caught beneath it Susie Hutina a 3 year old girl of Tarr, was so badly burned that she died several hours later in the Memorial Hospital here. The child was alone in the kitchen when the accident occurred the mother having gone outside.

Mrs Hutina heard the child scream. When she reached the kitchen she found the child beneath the stove. Some of the hot ashes had fallen on the little girl and she was terribly burned from head to foot.

It was 11 o clock when the girl reached the hospital. She lingered until 6 o clock when death relieved her sufferings. In getting the stove off the little girl, the mother was painfully burned about the hands arms and face.

No time has been set for the funeral. The child was the daughter of Mr and Mrs. William Hutina of Tarr.

EDGAR KYLE DIES

Meyersdale Man Led Posse Which Captured McClellandtown Gang

MEYERSDALE Dec 12—Edgar Kyle, one of the best known residents of this county, died yesterday at his home on Broadway street of dropsy aged about 70 years. During the war Mr Kyle served with distinction as a member of Company C Fifty Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, the regiment being more familiarly known as the "Fighting Fifty Fourth." He was seriously wounded several times and had many narrow escapes from death and imprisonment while in the service. Shortly after the close of the war he was elected sheriff of Somerset county and made an exemplary official. Some year sago he led a posse into Fayette county to the haunts of the notorious McClellandtown gang that had been committing depredations in Somerset Fayette and Westmoreland counties and succeeded in capturing the entire gang who were later convicted and sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary.

Mr Kyle was also engaged in the hotel business for many years, having at various times conducted the Somerset House at Somerset and the Jones House at this place. He is survived by his widow three daughters and two sons Mrs P P Ritter Boswell Mrs Karl A. Miller, Fairmont W Va and Mrs. Marion Walker of this place Noah Bowman Kyle superintendent of the Windber Brewing Company Windber and Elbridge C Kyle former proprietor of the Colonial Hotel now living a retired life. Deceased was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and the Somerset Grand Army Post, a delegation from which will have charge of the funeral which will be held tomorrow afternoon.

IS STRICKEN IN CAB

Engineer George Brand of Rockwood a Paralysis Victim.

Engineer George Brand, of the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was taken ill in the cab of his engine near the Rockwood station. It was discovered that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Brand asked to be relieved and his place was taken by another engineer. Brand died later at his home in Meyersdale. The body was brought to Connellsville Sunday morning on Baltimore & Ohio train No 13 and removed to the M E Church for funeral services. Division No 50 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Connellsville division of which Brand was a member was in charge of the funeral. Deceased moved from Connellsville to Meyersdale a few years ago and is well known among railroad men of the Connellsville division. His widow survives.

PENDER'S UNIQUE RECORD

Noted Horseman Hits the Trail and Weds

JOHNSTOWN Dec 11—Col John C Pender known among horsemen all over the United States has been going some the past few days. He holds a record that is hard to beat and in keeping with the speedy nags that he has owned.

Pender s unusual career of the past few days began last Friday when by a ruling of the National Trotting Association he was required to pay a fine of $200 because the time of Aretta V and Tobe Ward two of his nags, was falsified by the timekeepers at Bellevernon. Last Sunday he went to hear Billy Sunday in this city hit the trail and was immediately put into the service of the Lord as an usher. Monday he went to Pittsburg and was united in marriage to Miss Frances Kennedy of this city who has been his stenographer.

ICE BREAKS BOY IS DROWNED

Companion Makes Two Attempts at Rescue But Fails.

GREENSBURG Dec 15—Thomas Gergeley aged 11 of Hannastown near here was drowned in a reservoir of the Jamison Coal & Coke Company yesterday afternoon. Gergeley and several companions were walking on ice in the reservoir when the ice broke and young Gergeley went under.

George Stolam a companion walked out on the thin ice and endeavored to save the boy but the ice broke and he also fell into the icy water. He regained the bank and tying a rope around his waist, again tried to reach Gergeley but failed. The boy s body was recovered 20 minutes later.

BIRTHS FAR IN LEAD

Exceed Deaths in This District by 22 in November

Miss Lera Hetzel registrar of vital statistics last week submitted the following report for the month of November. Births Connellsville borough 34 Connellsville township 5 Bullskin township 7 total 46.

Deaths Connellsville borough 16 Connellsville township 4, Bullskin township 4 total, 24

BOYS TOUCH MATCH TO CAN OF POWDER; TERRIBLY BURNED

One of the Lads May Lose Sight as Result of Experiment.

FOUND CANISTER IN FIELD

Playing Along Bank of Connell Run They Discover Explosive Which Had Been Thrown Away. Sons of a Baltimore & Ohio Brakeman

Touching a match to a canister half filled with powder which they found along the bank where they were playing, two little boys were terribly burned last Thursday. The lads were John and Charles Stewart 8 and 10 years old. It is feared that Charles who was the more painfully injured of the two, may lose his sight.

The two boys were playing at the bottom of an embankment over the hill near their home when they came across the can of powder. Charles who is but 10 years old suggested to John, who is two years younger that they get a match and set it off. Striking the match Charles dropped it into the canister. A blinding flash followed, enveloping the faces of the lads who leaned over to see the explosion.

Charles was the more severely injured the flames burning his face especially his eyes. John s burns are confined to his face and hands though his hair is singed to the scalp.

Hearing the boys screams several neighbors ran to their assistance and carried them home. Dr L C Sherrick was called. He eased their pain as much as possible and later had them removed to the Cottage State Hospital.

The attending physicians are unable to state whether Charles will lose the sight of both eyes but even if he does not, his vision will not be normal. Both the boys will bear the marks of the explosion for a long time if not permanently.

The mystery concerning the accident is as to where the powder came from. How it happened to be lying about nobody seems to be able to explain.

Simon Stewart the father is a Baltimore & Ohio railroad brakeman.

BUYS GREENSBURG HOTEL

Former Scottdale Man Makes Transfer of J B Moloney s License

Orrie M Fleming county detective of Westmoreland and formerly of Scottdale where he worked for a long time as a mill man has bought the Merchants Hotel of Greensburg from J B Moloney. Mr Fleming has been in charge of the Merchants Hotel for some weeks past and the transfer of the property which consists of hotel and several storerooms on West Otterman street took place yesterday. The price paid was $90 000.

Mr Moloney went to Logansport Indiana on November 1 where he purchased a hotel. He ran the West Side news stand in Connellsville for years and then went into the hotel business here, afterward going to Greensburg.

REVIVES SCHOOL JOURNAL

County Superintendent J S Carroll Has First Issue Ready

County Superintendent J S Carroll has revived the Fayette School Journal which he founded and published successfully during his previous term in that office. During the incumbency of C G Lewellyn the journal was not published but Mr Carroll has been working upon it even since his appointment as Mr Lew... the Legislature he was instrumental in having the appropriation for the teachers journals kept in the budget, for he is a firm believer in the value of these papers in the educational world.

TESTING FENDERS

Likely to be Added to Equipment of All West Penn Cars

The action of Greensburg council in requiring the West Penn Railway Company to equip all of its cars with fenders may result in the complete equipment of all the company s cars though no order to that effect has as yet been made. The company has been experimenting for three months with various kinds of fenders with an idea of determining which is best adapted to its uses.

Car No 705 is at present equipped with a platform like fender but there are other kinds which may be adaptable to the various types of cars.

BISHOP IS SHOT

Companion Fires at Rabbit. He Gets Load in Leg

Carl Bishop was brought home from Somerfield last Thursday suffering from gunshot wounds in the left leg suffered when a gun in the hands of a companion was accidentally discharged while on a hunting trip.

Six bird shot entered the leg between the ankle and the knee. One of these was removed by Dr H C Hoffman last night but it will be necessary to probe for the others. The wound is a painful one but is not considered serious.

Asks Guardian for Father.

SOMERSET Dec 12—I I Shirey of Addison township today filed a petition in the court of common pleas asking for the appointment of a guardian for his father Francis P Shirey who is said to be feeble minded and mentally incapacitated on account of advanced age.

Addresses Gas Employes

T F Angle superintendent of the Fayette County Gas Company addressed the monthly meeting of the company s employes at the Uniontown office on Friday. His talk was along the line of "safety first relative to the prompt and proper repair of leaks.

CANDY AND NUTS ARE ORDERED BY TON FOR UNION SUPPLY TREAT

In preparation for the annual treat for the children to be given at the various stores of the Union Supply Company on Christmas morning the company has placed an order for 21 tons of candy and 11 tons of nuts.

The treat as heretofore will be principally for the children of the H. C Frick Coke Company employes.

BADLY FROZEN, HALF STARVED MAN, FOUND IN AN EMPTY BARN

Frank Skergan of Hammondville Has Toes Amputated.

HE GOES DAYS WITHOUT FOOD

Walking From Monastery to Dawson He Seeks Shelter Under Hay, Farmer Removes Hay and Man is Left Unconscious in the Chaff

SCOTTDALE Dec 13—Frank Skergan of Hammondville who lay in a barn since Thanksgiving Day and whose feet were frozen from the exposure was taken to Mount Pleasant last night where amputation of his toes took place. Skergan is aged about 63 years and had been working over at Monastery he says but work being slack with him he came over to Dawson and was on his way across when he gave out. He said he went into the barn of the late Martin Hough place near Chaintown and buried himself in the hay. The next day a farmer who had bought the hay removed it leaving nothing in the barn but chaff. Skergan when found was buried in the chaff just his head sticking out. The man had nothing to eat for several days but got out for water but he ast five or six days he could not get out he was so weak. George Smouse who lives beyond the Felgar school house had seen the man and made investigation. He telephoned to Scottdale about Skergan and Burgess R F Ellis and Chief Frank McCudden drove out in a wagon with a cot and hauled the man into the police station where medical aid was summoned. Skergan was in bad shape from starvation and exposure. Skergan has a wife and a son a prepossessing youth who arranged for his father to be sent to the hospital although the family had been parted during the last year.

ONE KILLED, 3 HURT, IN A FALL OF ROOF AT STANDARD

Injured Man Has Leg Broken But Two Others Need Only First Aid Treatment

MOUNT PLEASANT Dec 11—One man was killed and three injured in a fall of roof at the Standard mine yesterday. The men were engaged in pulling the roof when they were caught as the debris came down upon them.

Stanislaw Gensinki was almost instantly killed. He was 23 years old and employed as a roadman. The body was recovered from beneath the debris about 3 30 o clock and taken to the King & Reichman morgue.

James Pilinky had a leg broken and was brought to the Memorial Hospital here for treatment. The two others were given first aid treatment after which they were able to go to their homes without assistance.

Gensirski s funeral will be held this afternoon with interment in the Polish cemetery after services at the Polish church.

SELLS BIG MILL

Bankruptcy Trustee Disposes of Berkebile Company s Property

SOMERSET Dec 1—Attorney Ernest O Kooser trustee in bankruptcy of the Berkebile Lumber Company this afternoon sold the company s mill in Somerset at public sale to Milton Hochard for $6 000. Mr Hochard is an experienced lumberman and after making extensive improvements will operate the mill it is said.

The site of the old mill of the company which was destroyed by fire several years ago was sold to Saylor & Woy for $4 200.

LONG IS ACQUITTED

Somerset Jury Finds Shooting of Italian Was Justified

SOMERSET Dec 12—A jury yesterday returned a verdict acquitting Josiah Long of the murder of Carl Phillips an Italian.

Long admitted the killing but pleaded the unwritten law. The jury held that he was justified. He also contended that he shot Phillips believing the Italian intended to kill him.

Can Work Rural Carriers

In order to facilitate the handling of bulky parcels during the holiday season Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee today authorized postmasters at second class postoffices having both city and rural delivery service to use rural carriers in the delivery of parcel post mail within city limits whenever possible. This order includes Connellsville.

Preacher to Run Movies

WAYNESBURG Dec 11—Rev Dr George C Horter pastor of the First Baptist Church has announced that he will conduct a picture show in the church on Friday evening of each week in opposition to the other motion picture shows of the town.

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JURY FINDS LEE SCOTT IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Defense Agrees to Verdict in This Degree and Court Instructs Jury

SENTENCE IS NOT IMPOSED

Matthew Hughes Arraigned for Killing Henry Jackson in Fight Over Crap Game. John Payne Unmoved When Death Warrant is Read by Sheriff

UNIONTOWN Dec 1—Lee Scott was today convicted of voluntary manslaughter for killing Al Bullock at Greene Junction a month ago. His counsel John S Christy agreeing that this verdict be returned after the commonwealth had closed its case. No defense was offered.

District Attorney S Ray Shelby and Judge Umbel consented to this verdict also and the latter so instructed the jury which then made a formal return without leaving the box. The case was closed at 10 30 o clock.

Scott will be sentenced by Judge Umbel tomorrow. This offense carries a penalty of from [illegible] to [illegible] year imprisonment.

Matthew Hughes was arraigned this morning before Judge Van Swearingen for the alleged murder of Henry Stonewall Jackson at Coon Hollow on the night of October [illegible]. It is alleged that he shot Jackson [illegible] times after the latter had threatened to clean out the place as the result of a dispute over a crap game.

Only [illegible] jurors were examined [illegible] of them being accepted for service in the case. It is not expected that Hughes will be convicted for there were no eye witnesses of the [illegible] ing and there is evidence to show that he shot in self defense.

John Payne doomed to die for the murder of Shorty Flomis heard his death warrant read by Sheriff M A Kiefer at 11 o clock this morning. He showed no emotion as the sheriff solemnly read the paper telling that the state would demand his life in January 5 between 10 A M and [illegible] M.

9,616 DIE IN SEPTEMBER

State Bureau of Vital Statistics Reports Causes of Mortality

HARRISBURG Dec 11—The following is a statement of the causes of death in Pennsylvania during the month of September 1913 as reported by the bureau of vital statistics of the state department of health. The total number of deaths exclusive of still births during the month of September from all causes was 9 616 distributed as follows:

Typhoid fever 70 scarlet fever 42 diphtheria 68 measles 3 whooping cough 19 influenza 19 malaria 5 tuberculosis of lungs 568 tuberculosis of other organs 135 cancer 488 diabetes [illegible] meningitis [illegible] acute anterior poliomyelitis 19 pneumonia [illegible] diarrhoea and enteritis under two years 139 diarrhoea and enteritis over two years 236 Bright s disease and nephritis 645 early infancy 758 suicide 82 accidents in mines [illegible] railway injuries 137 other forms of violence 436 all other diseases 432.

The total number of births recorded in Pennsylvania during the month of September exclusive of still births was 18 044 the total number of still births was 686.

INSTITUTE CLOSES

Farmers Now Turn From Dunbar to Smock for Information

The Fayette County Farmers Institute at Dunbar came to a close Thursday night in the Presbyterian Church with an interesting session. All three sessions were well attended by farmers their families and friends from this section. Last evening J T Campbell gave an instructive talk on How Nature Makes Soils. His talk was illustrated. It was of great interest to the farmers. Sheldon W Funk spoke on Some Wonders of Nature.

This morning the institute convened in the Pleasant View Church at Smock for a two days session. The same instructors as took part in the program at Dunbar will speak. The committees are as follows: Arrangements, J H Rittenhouse N O Phillips J Howard Dunn and Hudson Ve...; music Loretta Duff Harry Duff Anna Duff and Reno Moser.

FLAG FOR SCHOOL

Junior Order Makes Presentation at East Liberty Exercise

In the presence of a large gathering of patrons and friends of the East Liberty schools Friday evening the Junior Order United American Mechanics presented the school with a handsome flag. An interesting program consisting of orations recitations drills and music including several selections by a male quartet composed of H D Shallenberger A A Arison F C Collins and F B Blouse was given.

A feature of the program was a vocal solo Our Flag written by Miss E Dane Hornbeck and rendered by Gertrude O Connor.

Victim of White Slavers

Three men have just been convicted in Savannah Ga on charges of having transported Mrs Emily Kalman from West Brownsville to that place for immoral purposes.

DRASTIC SENTENCE IMPOSED ON ASSAILANT OF A GIRL

Judge Umbel Sends Man to the Pen Not Less Than 10 Nor More Than 15 Years

UNIONTOWN Dec 11—One of the most drastic sentences imposed in recent years by the Fayette county courts was that of not less than 10 nor more than 15 years to the penitentiary for Ignatz Dobrzycki who pleaded guilty to criminal attack upon Miss Alice Connelly of Leisenring No 3 on the night of October 7.

Judge Umbel declared that the crime charged against the prisoner was exceeded in magnitude only by murder and that in many cases even murder is not so serious.

The prisoner entered a plea of guilty on advice of his counsel after the commonwealth had concluded its case. Miss Connell was positive in her identification of the man and other convincing testimony was offered.

The attack took place between the street car station at Leisenring and Leisenring No 3. Special Officer Frank McLaughlin and County Detective John Smith arrested Dobrzycki soon after the crime had been committed.

TYPHOID IS FATAL

William Kerrigan Dies After an Illness of Many Weeks

William Kerrigan 24 years old died on December 10 at his home on Patterson avenue following a lingering illness of typhoid fever. He was taken ill while at work at Paw Paw W Va and was removed to the Cumberland Hospital where he was confined for 10 weeks. He was brought to his home here a month ago. The body will be shipped to on the arrival of train No 45 will be taken to SS Phillip and James Catholic Church where requiem high mass will be celebrated. Interment at Meyersdale.

Deceased was born at Sand Patch and was at one time a Baltimore & Ohio fireman. A year ago he came to Connellsville to reside. He was unmarried and was a veteran of the Spanish American War. He was a member of Company D Tenth Regiment. His mother Mrs Mary Kerrigan, his sister Anna at home and the following brothers survive: M J Kerrigan of Connellsville James Kerrigan of Sand Patch Edward Kerrigan of Meyersdale Joseph Kerrigan of Paw Paw W Va and Matthew Kerrigan at home.

CUTOFF NEARLY READY

Connection of P & L E From Fayette City to Whitsett Nears End

Train connections are soon to be made from Fayette City to Connellsville over a new line by the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad. The company has about completed filling in of the low ground at the north end of Fayette City at the site of the new passenger station. Preparations for the site have cost the company thousands of dollars in that it was necessary to construct an arch over Himmes run for a long distance and hundreds of cars of clay and slag have been dumped in that vicinity.

Some trouble was occasioned when the railroad was unable to purchase the Fayette City Water Company s pumping station. It is a [illegible] place. When it was impossible to reach an agreement, the railroad acquired all the land around the station and filled in around it until it is scarcely visible.

The [illegible] new yards at Fayette City are the largest between Brownsville and McKeesport. They are constructed in [illegible] to take care of an immense amount of coal and coke traffic.

BAR BANQUET TO BE DRY

Robert Bruner Found After a Search of Four Months

UNIONTOWN Dec 13—The annual banquet of the Fayette County Bar Association will be as dry as the Sahara. This is the result of a decision at today s meeting when the members voted nearly two to one in favor of eliminating intoxicating liquors from the affair. Heretofore there has been plenty to drink besides water at the bar banquet but this will not be the case this year.

The lawyers last summer voted on a dry picnic and today decided to extend the rule to include the banquet. Officers for the year were elected. W J Sturgis succeeds C I Kefover as president. George B Jeffries was elected vice president. C A. Rhoads and S John Morrow were re elected secretary and treasurer respectively and W J Johnson D W McDonald and H L Robinson were named trustees.

MUSICIANS ELECTION

Local Union Chooses Officers for Ensuing Year

At a meeting of the local branch of the American Federation of Musicians in the city hall on Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President W C Bishop vice president H L Becker secretary L G Hoover treasurer H L Hannum guard W C Foltz sergeant at arms W B Snaith examining committee John I Caster L G Hoover W B Shaw executive committee John L John I Caster L G Hoover W I delegates to trades council S E Desmone W B Shaw and O P Herwick.

Dies of Heart Trouble

John Stewart 45 years old of Leisenring died on Monday at the Uniontown Hospital of heart trouble. He was admitted to the hospital November 30.

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PLANT IS OUTGROWN, Y. M. C. A. MEN SAY; TALK NEW BUILDING

Increased Interest in Association Affairs Shows Up Defects.

ALL DEPARTMENTS RUNNING NOW

Development Along Educational and Physical Lines Has Gone Forward by Leaps and Bounds. Sex Hygiene Lecture Course in Contemplation

Just now the Young Mens Christian Association at one time with nothing but the ordinary doings of the association to attract them, is probably a new record. This was the number present on one evening about [illegible] o clock. At the same time the boys rooms were filled to comfortable capacity and the place looked like a real live institution. Night school on the third floor billiard checkers rifle shooting and music on the second with basketball and swimming down below were the drawing cards.

The most worthy fact about the attendance was that every department of the building proved too small for the use to which it was being put. Even with its present membership the Young Mens Christian Association has outgrown its plant. With model buildings nearby at Scottdale and Greensburg for comparison Connellsville men are beginning to realize that the present plant can never supply the needs of the association in a city of fifteen thousand people. Fortunately the present building is so planned and constructed and so located that it could be readily remodeled into a paying commercial property and when the time comes for the erection of a new building it can likely be disposed of at a price that will justify the association in striking for adequate quarters.

In addition to the work in the building the association is now holding noon hour religious services in four shops the minister of the church doing the big end of the work. University extension educational opportunities are being gradually opened to young men. First aid to the injured is being taught to scores of boys. Situations have been secured for young men out of work. Dozens of men have been directed to good rooming and boarding places. One of America s great musicians has been brought to Connellsville. Arrangements are being completed for a series of lectures by Dr Barker of Washington one of America s leading educators on eugenics and personal hygiene whose entire time is at the disposal of the International Y M C A and who comes upon the recommendation of the international secretary. Following these lectures a school of eugenics will be organized continuing long enough to thoroughly cover the subject.

Other lines of work will be undertaken as rapidly as they can be taken care of. The great need of the association just now is volunteer workers—men who are willing to give one evening a week to such work in the cause of their fellows.

NAMES INSPECTION DATES

U S Army Man Will Look Over Company D on January 12

The dates for the annual inspection of the Tenth Regiment companies by officers of the United States Army have been set by Adjutant General Thomas J Stewart and forwarded through the various commands through Colonel Richard Coulter Jr.

The Tenth Regiment band and Company B will go through the paces on the same night that is January 1. The inspection of Company E at Mount Pleasant will take place on January 1 and Company C at Somerset on January 9.

Major L P McCormick and Captain P S McKee staff officers of the Tenth Regiment will be among those who will attend the annual convention of the National Guard Association of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia this week.

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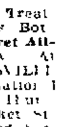

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5,000 PEOPLE IN THE TOWN

Recent Unofficial Census Shows a Big Gain Over Official Figures of Three Years Ago; Past Decade an Era of Prosperity for Town and County.

SOMERSET, Dec. 11.—"The announcement several weeks ago that a recent census of Somerset and its suburbs show a population of 4,926 was one of the most forcible demonstrations that the town is growing rapidly that I have read in a long time," said a prominent business man yesterday.

"With such an enormous increase in population has come unusual prosperity, due chiefly to the expansion of the mining and railroad industries. I believe it would make a worth-while news item to give a brief resume of the importance of Somerset as an industrial center.

"First of all is the county's phenomenal coal development. The year 1913 will show a record tonnage, and a conservative estimate places the aggregate shipments of the various companies operating in the county at over 11,000,000 tons. The prospects for the year 1914 are even brighter. The development of immense coal areas is under way in the north of the county by the Loyalhanna Coal & Coke Company, and the Berwind-White interests. This development is not confined to the north by any means, being in evidence in all sections of the county.

"Next comes railroad improvement. The Baltimore & Ohio has had a big job enlarging its facilities for hauling the enormous coal tonnage. The Sand Patch tunnel has been completed and the Somerset yards are now in operation, while all the company's lines in the county are being improved so as to cope with the rapidly increasing freight traffic. The capacity of the Somerset yards will have to be doubled within a year or 18 months, it is estimated, the straightening of the Somerset & Cambria branch at several points having been done with provision for extra tracks for this purpose.

"Some idea of the expansion of the coal development may be gleaned from the fact that in 1903, 30 cars per day was an average day's loading from mines on the Somerset & Cambria branch. At the present time 610 cars are required to give all the mines on this branch a full day's run. From 30 cars to 610 cars per day in 10 years surely indicates unusual expansion of the mining industry. All this means the employment of thousands of additional miners and other mining men and railroad operatives, resulting in gigantic payroll disbursements twice a month.

"Reports from all parts of the county indicate excellent agricultural prosperity during the past season.

"In Somerset town scores of new residences are being erected, and with the completition of the street paving started this fall nearly all the principal streets of the town will be paved.

"In addition to the condition of the four banking institutions in the town is significant when the town is sized up as a commercial center. The most recent reports show the resources of the banks as follows: County Trust Company, $847,904.98; Somerset Trust Company, $803,015.40; First National Bank, $604,059.92; Farmers National Bank, $433,127.64."

LAUDS ELECTRIC FURNACE

Dr. Ernest P. Humbert Delivers Address Before Foundrymen.

Dr. Ernest P. Humbert of Niagara Falls, formerly principal assistant to Dr. Paul Heroult, the inventor of the Heroult electric furnace for steel refining, which has been adopted by the United States Steel Corporation, last night delivered an address before the Pittsburg Foundrymen's Association in Engineers' Hall in the Henry W. Oliver building on "The Electric Steel Refining Furnace in the Foundry."

Doctor Humbert declared that the demand of steel manufacturers for ferro-chronium of low carbon led Doctor Heroult and himself to invent a furnace which would make that product. Achieving success with the first invention Doctor Heroult and his assistant began 12 years ago to experiment with an electric furnace for the production of steel. The speaker emphasized the superiority of the electric furnace over the open-hearth or non oxidizing furnaces. The original electric furnace made by Doctor Herolt and Doctor Humbert is still in use in France.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT

West Penn Proposes Benefits for Its Many Employes.

Brief announcement of an important move on the part of the West Penn Railways Company was made Monday to effect that a beneficial association will be formed about the first of the year for the purpose of caring for employes who may become sick, disabled or injured. It is expected that the formal announcement of the proposition will come in the nature of a Chrismas gift to the big West Penn family.

A committee is now investigating various relief projects that are in force among other corporations. The West Penn and associated companies will be included in the plan being worked out under direction of General Manager W. E. Moore. The committee is not limiting its investigation to plans now in force in this section, but is studying propositions from all sections of the country.

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GIFTS FOR TORMAY

Employes at Trotter Honor Veteran Superintendent, Now Retired.

P. J. Tormay, retiring superintendent of the Trotter plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, was tendered a farewell reception last week at his home at Trotter. Mr. Tormay was recently retired on a pension. The affair was in the form of a surprise and was arranged by the following employes of the company: Eugene O'Donovan, William Rowe, Robert Shives, Dennis Mahaney, Frank Labiak, Ewing Hess, George Abbott, John Rodman, Samuel Goodwin and Benton Boyd who succeeds Mr. Tormay as superintendent.

As tokens of the high esteem in which Mr. Tormay was held by the employes Mr. O'Donovan presented him with the following handsome gifts: a leather rocker, an electric lamp, a silver tray engraved, "To P. J. Tormay from the Employes of the Trotter Mines" a mahogany pedestal and marble bust. Mr. Tormay said he prized the gifts very highly but held their friendship and regard in a much higher esteem holding it above all price of gifts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tormay.

ELECTRIC MEN BANQUET

West Penn Lighting Officials Gather in Greensburg.

Nearly 50 officials of the West Penn Electric Company attended the fifth annual banquet held last week the New Fisher House in Greensburg. A special menu was prepared and the spacious dining room was decorated with flags, ferns and other potted plants. Music was rendered by Kettering's and Gardner's combined orchestras.

W. R. Kenney, superintendent of lighting, was toastmaster. Addresses were made by General Manager W. E. Moore, D. I. McCahill, Mr. Dreyfus of Pittsburg and V. T. Barry of Greensburg.

Among those present were W. R. Kenney, Superintendent M. A. Coffey, W. S. Anderson, J. L. Fritsch, T. B. Donnelly, W. W. Edie, B. E. Getchell, A. N. Cartwright, C. V. Elliott, O. I. Cottom, William Rogers, Daniel Durie, C. K. McKesson, C. E. Brown, E. H. Osborne, C. P. Kulp of Connellsville; E. A. Morgan and J. S. Johnston of Scottdale.

MINING CONCERN REORGANIZES

Howells of Uniontown Interested in New Fancy Hill Coal Company.

The Cheat Haven Coal & Coke Company has reorganized under the name of the Fancy Hill Coal Company. J. T. Fawcett of Cheat Haven and Mr. Fawcett of Pittsburg, of the old company, still retain stock with the additional new members in the firm of a Mr. Moore of Connecticut, George D. Howell and Alfred Howell of Uniontown.

A great many improvements are contemplated, contracts having been awarded for hasty construction of new office and store house. New mining houses will be built at once, and tipple improvements will be made in the spring. The deal involves several thousand dollars. Besides this the new firm has acquired more coal acreage.

Railroad Visitors.

George A. Smith, traveling passenger agent for the Sotuhern Pacific railroad, with headquarters in Pittsburg, was a Connellsville visitor on Friday. W. H. Foust, who occupies a similar position with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was also in the city yesterday.

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BIG COAL DEAL IN DOUBT

Option Extension Asked in $50,000,000 Project.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 3.—Unable to close the deal for the purchase of 400,000 acres of coal lands in the New River field, the New Virginia syndicate has asked the coal operators and land owners in that field for an extension of their options for six months to permit the syndicate to complete negotiations with an English group.

For several days Morgan Davis of Richmond, Va., George Dobbin Penniman of Baltimore, and Hugh L. Kirby of New York city, members of the new Virginia syndicate, have been here in conference with local operators. Davis, who conferred with the English capitalists, expressed confidence that the deal in which $50,000,000 is involved, can be closed if the owners will renew their options which are about to expire.

Another coal deal of magnitude now pending is the probable purchase by local capitalists of the Davis interests in the Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal Company, which operates 20 mines in the Kanawha field.

Postmasters are Named.

Harry E. Eicher has been named postmaster at Wick Haven and Lewis A. Molegnone at Fitz Henry. Both postoffices are in Westmoreland county.

NEW YARDS PLANNED

Rockwood Hears That Somerset Branch Changes are Pending.

ROCKWOOD, Dec. 12.—Information reaching here from an apparently reliable source is to effect that the Rockwood-Wilson Creek yards will be built in the near future for the purpose of handling traffic off the Somerset & Cambria branch. According to the statements that have been made, the Somerset yards have been found inadequate for the expeditious movement of coal traffic and are to be used mainly for storage purposes.

The new yards will be located between Rockwood and Wilson Creek Junction, about 1¾ miles north of Rockwood. It is intimated that many of the railroad men now located at Somerset will be brought back to Rockwood as soon as the new yards are in operation.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Directors of C. M. & C. Co. are Chosen by the Stockholders.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Connellsville Machine & Car Company held last week in the office on Water street the following directors for the ensuing year were elected: James McGrath, J. W. Ensiton, Dr. L. P. McCormick, F. N. Sherrick, W. E. Crow, Grant Myers and August Wilke.

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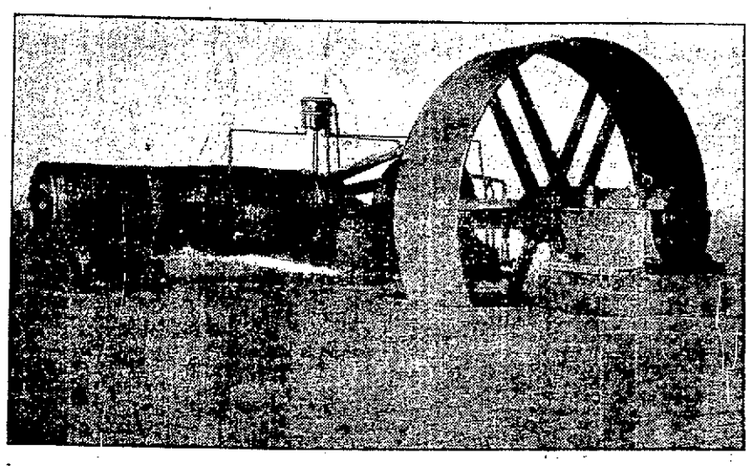

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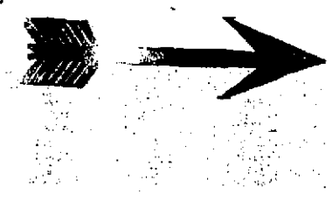

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